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“Abominable Weapon” Claims 140 Lives In Sinking Of Royal Netherlands Mail Liner: Children Among Victims

BIGGEST SHIPPING DISASTER OF WAR

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter)—Mrs. Sandiford, wife of a Trinidad banker, and a survivor of the Simon Bolivar, gave an interview in London to-day when she paid a high tribute to the men of the Navy and other ships which dashed to the rescue of the sinking Royal Netherlands Mail Liner Simon Bolivar.

It's A War Of Words

All Talk, But No Action

Some Left Jabs By The British Navy

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The war seems to be going on in every Chancellery, legation and council room, but with little incident on land, sea or in the air, said the B.B.C. military observer from Davenport to-day.

There is talk on both sides and threats from one—but little apparent action.

One has the impression that Hitler and Ribbentrop are queuing in every direction in working out plan after plan, only to be told by their soldiers and airmen that the plan will not work.

Winning At Sea

Neutrals are less alarmed than they were, while the Allies are covering up and unleashing a left poke to the body every now and again. Needless to say this “left” is the Navy, which is fighting the enemy steadily and remorselessly and with no wearing off.

The really vital sphere at the moment is the sea and it is here that the enemy is losing most decisively. There is also rather more aerial activity.

The Shetlands Raid

The most interesting event of course, has been the raid on the Shetland Islands by four aircraft which dropped bombs doing only trifling damage, on November 13. This was the first raid in which bombs were actually dropped on British soil.

It was probably an experiment to see how the bombs carried their loads over that long distance and how they fared.

As they got away, the German propaganda machine has made much of the flight and has circulated a quite unfounded tale that British flying boats were destroyed, and a cruiser “probably” damaged.

That word “probably” is an unusually neat touch as it almost—but not quite—gives an air of reality to the cock-and-bull story.

Beware Next Full Moon

There may be some air raids at the next full moon.

The R.A.F. has carried out a series of daylight raids over Germany, not without loss it is true, but bringing back over 100 detailed photographs of objectives, including aerodromes, as trophies.

On land, nothing much has happened, save in one case when a German battalion broke into a French outpost line only to come under costly fire from the heavy artillery of the Maginot Line.

ITALY DENIES INTERFERENCE

ROME, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Reports that Italy has informed the German Government that she is interested in preserving the neutrality of Belgium and Holland are authoritatively denied here.

Looking Back

In History

TRAGEDY OF 1889 RECALLED

TOKYO, Nov. 19 (Domei).

The fiftieth anniversary memorial services for 581 crew members of the Turkish warship lost when their vessel grounded and sank near Kasahimozaki Lighthouse, in Wakayama Prefecture, took place last week.

The ship was on a goodwill cruise to Japan when the tragedy occurred on November 16, 1889.

The memorial services, held near the site of the sinking, were attended by representatives of the Turkish Embassy in Tokyo and by Mr. Mori, President of the Japan Near East Trade Society of Osaka.

3 MORE SHIPS ARE SUNK Two Neutrals And One British

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Just before midnight news was received in London that three more ships had been sunk off the East Coast of the British Isles in circumstances similar to the Simon Bolivar outrage.

Two of them were neutral ships and one was British.

Italy's First Loss

The Italian steamer Gracia, of 5,800 tons, was Italy's first shipping loss of the war.

Another victim was the Swedish freighter, Borgholm, of 1,590 tons, while the British craft was 2,500 tons.

Full details of the sinkings are not yet known, and there is no information yet regarding the loss of life.

Simon Bolivar Casualties

In the meantime it is revealed that only 100 persons are now thought to have lost their lives in the Simon Bolivar disaster, about 40 less than originally feared.

It is, however, revealed that no fewer than 44 of the missing passengers are British.

The victims in hospital in London were visited by the Netherlands Minister to-day.

ITALY CAN KEEP OUT OF WAR

ROME, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Signor Virginio Gayda, writing in the “Voces d'Italia” said that the progress of Italy's economic self-sufficiency was such that it was possible for her to keep out of war.

Italy still has under arms four classes called up last August, and now has approximately 1,500,000 men ready.

Describing the scene aboard, she said that she had just gone down to the cabin to get some things for her daughter Jean.

She was unable to get the cases open, so she sent Jean for her father.

Soon afterwards there was a terrific explosion.

She staggered out through the darkness. The passage was filled with steam. She got to the top deck and found her husband injured.

She was told that he was twice thrown up into the air by the explosion.

A swift search revealed Jean, who was dazed and the three clambered into the same lifeboat.

The last deck was awash when Chief Officer Smit left it.

Heroic Scottish Nurse In the lifeboat was a Scottish nurse who, despite the fact that her own back was injured, began in a business-like manner to attend to injuries of the others and to make them comfortable.

Mr. Sandiford believed that a number of people forward and below must have been trapped. “In the passage I saw several crawling out of their cabins. Some of them must have been stewards. I don't know how they could have escaped because there was nobody down there to pull them out.”

Then An Air Raid Warning “After we landed, we were in a waiting room when an air-raid warning was given.

“Everybody was taken down into shelters and some were carried in stretchers.

“Among the passengers who jumped into the sea was a girl returning home after finishing school on the Continent. She got into a lifeboat but told me that as nobody lowered a boat she decided to jump for it.”

Saturated With Oil One of the problems of the nurses and doctors was the vast and tenacious quantities of oil with which the survivors were covered.

The hospital authorities had to make an emergency application for an issue of petrol for cleaning.

120 Lives Lost

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—About 400 motor Dutch, but including 70 Britons, were on board the Netherlands liner Simon Bolivar when she was hit by two German mines in the North Sea on Saturday.

It is feared that 140 have lost their lives.

Of the survivors, 50 were badly injured and received first aid attention from doctors and nurses on the quayside before being removed to hospital.

Six Babies Rescued Survivors also included 15 children and six babies in arms, most of them being accommodated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London.

According to the survivors, explosion of the first mine killed many outright and flung others into the sea.

The angle of the ship held up the launching of her port side lifeboats. The second explosion shattered a lifeboat as it was nearing the water and killed several people.

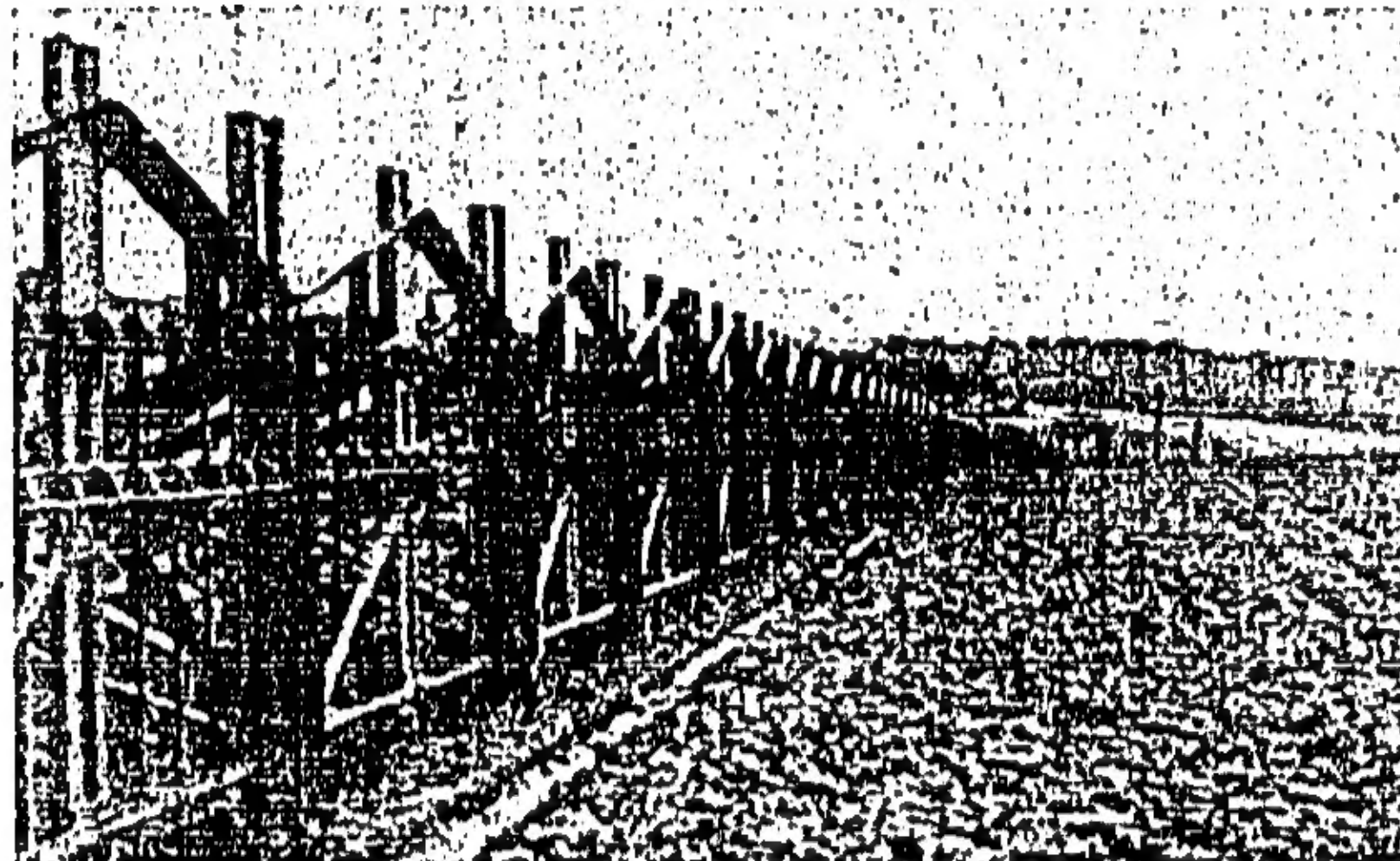
The sinking of the Simon Bolivar is the greatest merchant-ship disaster of the war.

Nazi Planes Sighted AMSTERDAM, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The London correspondent of the Amsterdam “Telegraaf” says that a survivor told him that two German aeroplanes flew over the Simon Bolivar at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Survivors Recover LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The Dutch steamer Simon Bolivar, which struck a mine and sank, left Amsterdam for the West Indies on Friday night.

About 60 or 70 survivors had recovered sufficiently to be discharged.

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An interesting feature of the Belgian “Magenot Line”: steel railings strengthened by supports as a barrier to tank attacks.

BELGIUM RELEASES MEN FROM FRONT

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

BRUSSELS, Nov. 18 (UP).—The relaxation of last week's tension was reflected to-day when thousands of Belgian soldiers entrained for their homes on account of the re-establishment of the usual three days furlough every month.

Thousands of people thronged the streets to-day, doing their Christmas shopping and crowding the cafes, restaurants and cinemas.

Official quarters take a calm view of the possibility of a German invasion of Holland or Belgium.

The Belgo-Dutch peace mediation offer is now officially admitted to have failed.

Hitler's Arch Enemy Predicts Downfall PARIS, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—“Germany will soon be ready for an anti-Hitler revolution,” declared Otto Strasser, known as “Hitler's worst enemy,” in an interview with the “Paris Soir” to-day.

Named As Instigator Strasser said that he was given four hours to leave Switzerland after the Munich explosion because the Germans were demanding his extradition, describing him as the instigator of the crime.

Strasser, who has been leader of the Anti-Nazi Black Front since the Nazis murdered his brother, declared that he thought at first that his friends had organised the Munich attempt, but he now considered that it could only have been caused by the Gestapo.

Three Conditions For Revolution Before there could be a revolution in Germany, three conditions were necessary, namely: the Germans will believe in Hitler must feel the horrors of war; the Reich must suffer a military check; and privations must become more biting.

“I consider these conditions will be fulfilled by the spring of 1940,” he said.

Returns To Be Interned Voluntary Gesture By British Pilot

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—A British airman, accompanied by his wife, has voluntarily returned to Ireland to be interned for the duration of the war.

It will be recalled that he brought down his flying boat in Icelandic waters in September, and subsequently took off and returned to England under the impression that he had given no pledge to remain.

When he heard of the misunderstanding, he immediately volunteered to return.

He will be interned in a former palace which is now a modern farm.

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Nazi Air Raid On Scotland

No Bombs Dropped

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—There was an air-raid warning in the North-East coast of Scotland this morning.

German planes were visible very high.

No bombs were dropped.

The all-clear signal was sounded 20 minutes later.

Yamchow Bay China's Greatest Natural “Fort”

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

TOKYO, Nov. 19 (Domei).—The recent successful landing of the Japanese forces near Pakhoi and Yamchow Bay, despite stubborn Chinese resistance, is attributed by the “Asahi Shimbun” correspondent to the efforts of the Japanese Navy during the past year and a half in surveying and sounding sub-marine conditions in Yamchow Bay.

The Bay is well known as China's strongest natural fortress, being studded with numberless reefs and islets, as well as with shoals.

The “Asahi” war correspondent vividly describes the strategy used by the Japanese military forces in effecting the landing near Pakhoi and at various places at the southwestern tip of Kwangtung Province.

The Japanese Army forces are continuing their advance northward and have already entered as far as over 20 kilometres into Kwangsi Province.

The Chinese military authorities have destroyed the roads in order to check the Japanese advance.

Threatened by the prospect of a Japanese invasion since February, when the Japanese occupied Hainan Island, the Chinese military authorities recently ordered the inhabitants of south-western Kwangsi to withdraw from their native places.

Chinese Hold Out

KWELIN, Nov. 20 (Central).—Week-end reports received at the military headquarters declare that the war situation on the Yamchow-Fongching sector is being “stabilized.”

In addition to stubborn Chinese resistance, fog and drizzling rain is deterring the Japanese northward advance. The total Japanese landing forces at Yamchow, Fongching, and nearby points are estimated at 4,500.

Seven fields in the vicinity of small villages immediately north of Yamchow and Fongching, including Tatschu, Wongwutun, Pingganatu and Yentsing, where the defenders are holding out against fierce Japanese onslaughts.

To the west of Yamchow, Japanese forces lost heavily in the vicinity of Fongching in a bitter struggle on November 17. In the duel the Chinese coastal positions at Laitoutai were pulverised by severe Japanese naval bombardments.

Shumchun Attack

YINGTAK, Nov. 20 (Central).—A force of about 1,000 Japanese troops at Shumchun launched a fierce attack on the Chinese positions at Pingwu, Cheungakia and Tintongwai on the Canton-Kowloon Railway on Saturday. They were repulsed by Chinese forces with considerable losses.

Japanese Bomb Nanning

KWELIN, Nov. 20 (Central).—Nanning, the capital of Kwangsi, was twice bombed by thirteen Japanese planes yesterday afternoon. Many explosives and incendiaries were dumped on the city, causing unascertained damage.

Advance Continues

YAMCHOW, Nov. 20 (Domei).—Chinglung, an important Chinese position ten miles northeast of Yamchow, and Tafengmen, a strategically important town 10 miles north of Yamchow, were both captured by Japanese forces on Saturday, the press section of the Japanese expeditionary force to South Kwangtung announced.

Japanese forces were continuing northward advance, the military communique says.

Chinese troops of the 55th and 57th Divisions which attempted to defend Chinglung, were repulsed with heavy losses. Over 500 dead were abandoned by the Chinese, while 410 Chinese prisoners were taken by Japanese troops near Chinglung, the communique further claims.

Over 1,000 Chinese troops were discarded from their prepared hilly positions near Tafengmen, north of Yamchow, which were reduced by Japanese raiding forces after five hours of heavy fighting. The Chinese were armed with trench-mortars.

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ANOTHER DANCE FOR “PUKKA POONA SAHIB”?

LONDON, Nov. 20 (UP).—The war has produced a new dance. It is called the “Blackout Strut.”

It starts like the “Lambeth Walk.” Then the lights “black out” and everybody changes partner. The idea is to give the girls a chance to get acquainted with the handsome men in uniform.

Eden And Belisha Report On Western Front

We Are Winning Comfortably

Troops Fixity Of Purpose Noted

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, broadcasting in French to-day, referred to the recent visit he made to the Front on November 16.

He said that the dominant note wherever he went was the quiet determination of the males and females, young and old, civilians and soldiers everywhere, and their fixity of purpose and determination this time to make an end of the recurrent wars of aggression.

Final Victory Assured

“No one doubts final victory, and that with it a new page in history must be turned,” he said.

As regards the Maginot Line and the patience and thoroughness with which France completed her defences and trained her armies, Mr. Eden declared: “Thus not for the first time in history, France has placed all civilisation in her debt.”

Cheerful B.E.F.

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—“The men of the British Expeditionary Force are all cheerful, their health is good, and I am confident that we are winning the war comfortably,” said Mr. Leslie Horne-Belisha, the British War Minister, before he left the British Front to-day.

Visit To Front Line

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Nov. 19 (UP).—Last Saturday, Mr. L. Horne-Belisha, the Minister of War, visited Tommy up in the line and concluded that the Army in the field was of excellent morale and magnificently equipped and

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WAR AND THE WIRELESS

BY OUR WIRELESS CORRESPONDENT

The German people, we are told, are forbidden to listen to foreign stations, save with an extended reception range are being confiscated, and there is a substantial reward to those who report offenders to the secret police. Nevertheless, almost every country in Europe is talking to Germany in its own language.

"Don't worry about that storm trooper in the next flat," said a French announcer a day or two ago, speaking in German. "Don't expect him to burst in on you. He is busy. He, too, is listening to me."

As everyone knows who makes a practice of tuning to Continental stations, though there is not exactly chaos in the ether, the number of stations broadcasting in languages other than their own is so great that it is often difficult to know where you are.

There has been some reshuffling of wavelengths, but so far Germany is the only country guilty of deliberate acts of piracy. The Germans have "overlaid" some of the Polish stations and sent out false news.

ITALY

The attitude of the Italian and Russian stations is particularly interesting. Both countries evidently desire to send out real news, and mostly seem quite impartial. The Italian explanation to the German people of the immediate events leading to the outbreak of war and the Duce's endeavours to preserve peace were a good example of a perfectly fair statement of fact and a distinct illumination of the official Italian attitude.

The Germans have apparently two English, as distinct from English-speaking, announcers. One is a woman with a pleasing accent and the other a man who seems to try to caricature that "Oxford accent" for which our announcers are so often blamed, but which in fact does not exist.

The American stations which can be picked up on the short waves are at present rather guarded in what they say. The rumours, as well as the news of the whole of Europe, reaches them, and most of them are doing their best to give the news only.



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Applicants should not be under 40 or over 50 years of age, should hold a position of authority, have good organising capabilities, possess tact, be of a genial personality and be capable of taking charge of the department as deputy to the Director. Preference will be given to applicants who have a knowledge of air raid precautions.

Salary will be at the rate of £760 per annum, and the period of engagement will be for three years, terminable at any time by three months' notice or payment of one month's salary on either side.

The selected candidate must pass an examination for physical fitness which will be held by the Hong Kong Medical Authorities, and his appointment will be provisional pending receipt of covering approval by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

NOTICE

The partnership of Hazeland and Gonella, Civil Engineers, Architects and Surveyors has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

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16th November, 1939.

HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

The Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children will be held in the Helena May Institute on Monday, December 11th at 5.30 p.m.

The Meeting is open to all persons interested in the work of the Society.

ANN CROZIER,
Hon. General Secretary.

WE ARE WINNING COMFORTABLY

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ready for action at a moment's notice. He saw mine battles in the muddy fields behind the advance lines, inspected tanks, stores, shells, and pill boxes. One Tommy shouted, "Good old Belshah. When's the war going to start?" Mr. Belshah enjoyed the quips, laughed and joked with the men, inquired into their welfare and explained how they would be able to enjoy Christmas leave provided the enemy did not attack.

General Sir John Dill accompanied Mr. Belshah, and explained the strategic positions and fortifications.

Wading ankle deep in the clay slush in the fields, inspecting the anti-aircraft dugouts, Mr. Belshah said, "You still get plenty of mud here."

Mr. Belshah visited some of the men who were having an outdoor dinner. The soldiers were obviously pleased to see the War Minister as a matter of fact, they are always pleased to see any visitor because it breaks the monotony of digging trenches and marching, besides the unceasing watch on the sky for enemy planes.

Christmas Is Topic

The chief topic of the soldier, now in Christmas, I visited an Army post-office where they handle anything from 6 to 10 million letters during four or five days, in the rush periods. The Chief at the Army field system said, "We are getting out one hundred sorters from the London Central Post-Office. They will be here in khaki within a few days to lend a hand. We also will get additional help from the units here."

The Army has introduced a system of the last war for special envelopes for confidential letters.

The envelopes bear the words: "I certify on my honour that the contents of this letter deal with family and private matters only."

This type of envelope is mostly used by the Tommies for love letters. It is only natural that he will not let himself go when he knows that the Commanding Officer, in the capacity of Censor, will read his letters.

The special envelopes assure that the letter will not be read until it reaches the base, and perhaps not at all. In any case, the officer who reads the outpourings of the Tommies heart, will never know the man who wrote the pulsating lines.

RNVR MAN SAVES SINKING STEAMERS

Austrian Revolt Soon

SAYS PRETENDER TO THRONE

ARCHDUKE OTTO, twenty-six-year-old Pretender to the Austrian throne, said at his Paris hotel that German Nazi officials in Vienna are sending their valuable back to the Reich for fear of an Austrian revolt.

"I have positive knowledge," he said, "that Joseph Buerckel, Nazi Commissioner to Austria, and all high Nazis and Gestapo agents, have since the start of the war shipped great quantities of their loot to Germany, although they had established their homes in Austria and obviously intended to live there indefinitely."

"I can also tell you that Hitler has replaced with Reich Germans all Austrians serving in anti-aircraft units defending his famous roost at Berchtesgaden."

"Mind you, he has two full regiments of anti-aircraft gunners there solely for the defence of his person."

Furthermore, since the first day of the war—when an Austrian pilot in the German Air Force was ordered to bomb a Polish town, but instead went over to the Poles—all Austrian pilots have been withdrawn from the German Air Force.

Hitler flew into one of his rages and ordered every Austrian pilot to be dismissed.

"We have received reports from Austria of the refusal of several Austrian units of the German army to fight the Poles. A Viennese regiment and a Tyrolean regiment refused to fire and were withdrawn to Czechoslovakia."

"About the second week in September the Germans tried to use Austrian regiments against the revolting Czechs. Again they refused to fire."

BIGGEST SHIPPING DISASTER OF WAR

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from one London hospital this afternoon.

"This Abominable Weapon".

PARIS, Nov. 19 (Reuters).—The sinking of the Simon Bolivar has caused a deep impression.

"L'Intransigeant" says that it gives sinister confirmation of the report that the Germans are despairing of the efficacy of their torpedoes, and are going to use submarines as mine-layers.

This abominable weapon is forbidden in International Law, but the Germans could not be expected to neglect this form of murder.

Donmark's Anger

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 19 (Reuters).—Great anger is expressed in Denmark at the sinking of the Simon Bolivar.

It was only a week ago that Denmark lost her biggest merchant ship through a German mine in the North Sea.

This was the Canada. Her captain believes that his ship struck a magnetic mine.

The vessel sank in shallow water in direct line of steamship traffic. She has already caused the loss of four merchant ships which collided with the wreckage.

Entitled To Protest

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuters).—The sinking of the Simon Bolivar is clearly a breach of International Law," said Mr. Ivor Jennings in the course of a broadcast on the legal aspects of the disaster from Daventry to-day.

The Dutch Government said, would be entitled to make the very strongest of protests to Berlin.

The laying of mines is covered by the Eighth Hague Convention which was signed by Britain, France, Germany and other powers in 1907.

The Convention makes a distinction between anchored and unanchored mines.

Unanchored mines must be so made as to render themselves harmless one hour after being laid.

Anchored mines must not be laid unless they are of a type which renders itself harmless on breaking loose.

Breach Of Treaty

It is unknown what type sank the Simon Bolivar.

If it was an unanchored mine, it was clearly a breach of the Treaty.

If it was an anchored mine which broke loose, there was again a breach of the Treaty.

If it was an anchored mine, the Hague Convention does not apply.

Of course Germany might argue that the Convention does not apply in any case since it was not signed by Holland.

But here the customary International Law applies. Neutral passenger or cargo ships may not be sunk by any means whatever.

The British Admiralty informs neutrals of the presence of minefields and only lays those which become harmless on breaking loose.

Indiscriminate laying of mines in the open sea is directly contrary to International Law, concluded Mr. Jennings, but in 1914 the German ship Konigin Louise was sunk while laying mines in the open sea.

INTERNEED AS LEAVES FUNERAL

TWO policemen in smart blue muffs

waited to intern thirty-five-year-old Frau Jennie Kuntz, housekeeper to Bob Slevier, the gambler, as she returned from his burial to-day.

They waited discreetly round a bend in the leafy alley lane where Slevier lived, as the funeral party came back from St. Peter's Church, Crawley.

Frau Kuntz did not see them as she stumbled from a car with tearful eyes. But she knew they were there. She had been told she would be allowed only fifteen minutes to say her good-byes.

Punctually, the police car came from its hiding-place. Its occupants waited in the garden as the German woman hurriedly collected her belongings in the cottage where, two months ago, the seventy-nine-year-old sportsman asked her to marry him.

Goodbyes

Then one politely took her bright yellow leather suitcase. She embraced the Hungarian housemaid, patted Michael, Slevier's mongrel terrier and climbed into the car.

For five years Frau Kuntz had looked after Bob Slevier—the man who had once been almost a millionaire—as he fought poverty and ill-health. She had never tired of hearing his racing stories, of how he had won £35,000 on the City and Suburban in 1900.

The tall good-looking woman had said earlier:

"They were going to take me away this morning. We pleaded with them. I don't want to leave this place, but what can I do?"

"I don't think I care any more now he is dead. Bruce (the dead man's playmate son) tried to stop them interning me, but I don't think he can."

Throughout the funeral ceremony Frau Kuntz clutched a posy of red roses tied with black, gold and red ribbon—Slevier's racing colours. She dropped them on the coffin when it had been lowered.

She Was a Pretty Chiled

TEN-YEAR-OLD Margaret Hayworth, of Hamilton, Ontario, who killed when the Athenian was torpedoed. The "world's jury" said the Premier of Ontario—has found Adolf Hitler guilty of her murder." Dr. Richard L. Jenkins, of Warwick, N.Y., an Athenian survivor, wrote this poem—reprinted from the U.S. news magazine Time:—

Well—here is peace; the peace that lasts forever.
The peace of still blue lips and darkened eyes
That stare through half-shut lashes and will never
Awaken to the glint of azure skies.

Yes, here is peace, now that the last convulsion
Relaxes, as the heart gives up the strain.
All sense of skill is tainted with repulsion
When skill can only serve to lengthen pain.

Her face is fair. She was a pretty child.
Ten years she grew and budded for to-night:
Ten years of nurture to be reconciled
With darkened eyes reflecting lifeless light.

What was her fault? Some failed to comprehend
The deathless glory of the Nazi State;
Some men there are who venture to contend
When alien arms would settle Poland's fate.

Torpedoes give reply: "Though immature
She drained the cup, and now has found release,
Her broken body is, in miniature,
A Hitler triumph, and a Nazi peace.

Ears tire of brutal, strident acclamations,
This much a fool can see, be it not blind.
While such men can unleash the might of nations,
This is the only peace the world will find.

BELGIUM COULD HOLD OUT

BELGIUM now has enough troops on her northern frontiers to check any German lightning attack via Holland, and independent military experts believe she could hold the "North Belgian line" of the Albert Canal till the Allies reached them.

Men are in the trenches, and on many parts of the Albert Canal machine-guns are in position, and the dykes are ready to be opened to flood the countryside.

Even if Holland fell, this would stop the Germans from reaching the Belgian Channel ports, and would give us a strong northern front.

Belgian soldiers digged themselves in along this area, which, if the Germans invade Belgium, might be the new battlefield of the British Army.

It is flat and sandy. Ideal country for Hitler's tanks—excepting for the Albert Canal.

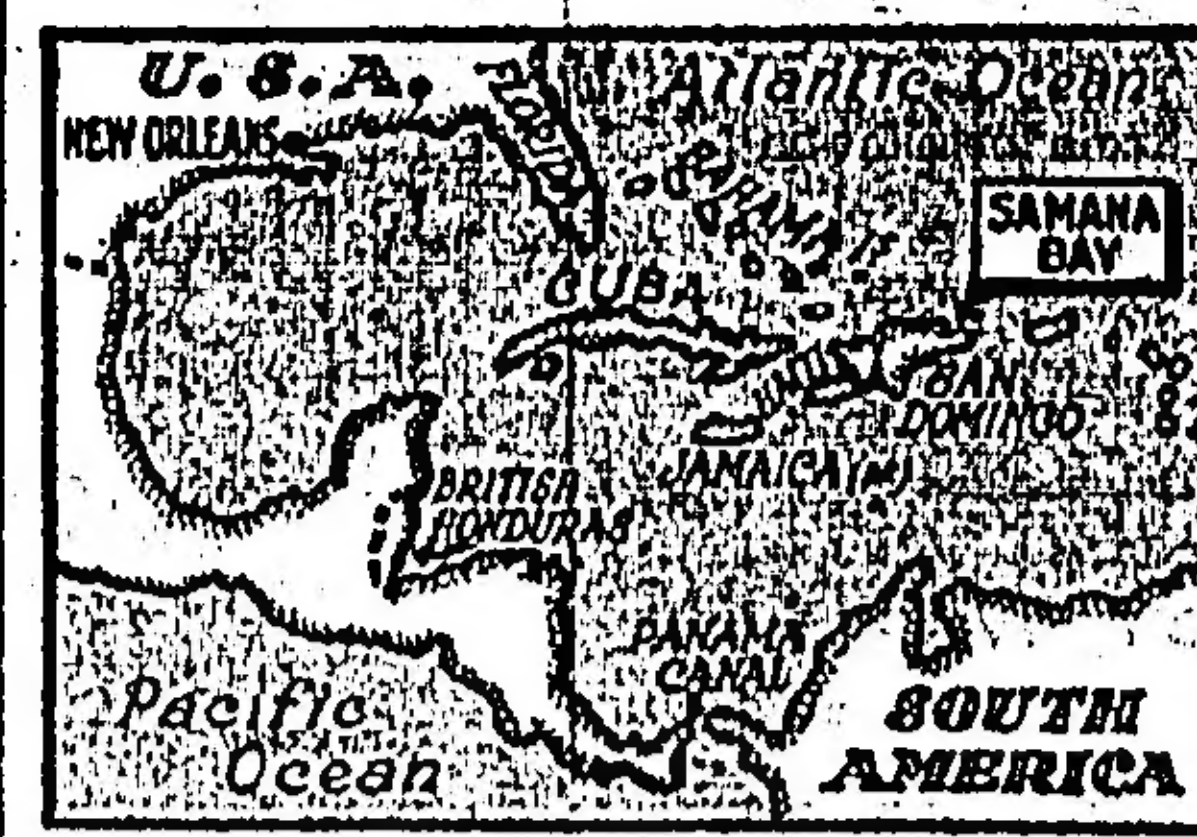
This is over fifty yards wide in many parts, and deep sloping banks give a real width of over 100 yards in several places.

It cuts across Northern Belgium in a line running from the River Meuse to the Scheidt.

The Belgian High Command never forgot that in 1914 the Germans were halted in the south on the banks of the Yser Canal, unable to force a crossing in face of British and Belgian fire.

Now they have built the Albert Canal to give similar protection in the north.

The canal banks are lined with machine-gun nests and tank gun positions, and behind them Belgian sappers and infantrymen are digging fresh trenches, and gun positions.



TO-DAY'S map shows the Caribbean Sea where, declared a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, six German U-boats are now operating. A huge submarine, he said, is acting as mother ship to the others.

"Christ Would Approve War"

JUDGE CAUSES AN UPROAR

BECAUSE of hissing and booing from people in court, a recent sitting of Newcastle conscientious objectors' tribunal was abruptly ended.

The chairman, Judge T. Richardson, had the court cleared and left the bench.

The booing and the clearing of the court occurred after he had said: "I am sure as I sit here, that if Christ appeared to-day he would approve of this war."

When he and his colleagues returned to the bench there was a further outburst from the people who had re-assembled in the court.

Judge Richardson then said that as the people in court had not obeyed his order he would adjourn the court again.

Police will then be there to keep order.

NO FIRST AID

Judge Richardson's remark was made when an objector said, as had several previously, that he would offer assistance to a civilian, but would not give first aid to a soldier.

D. P. Parry, of West-terrace, Northallerton, whose name was removed from the register, declared he would do nothing to relieve the sufferings of anyone hurt in an air raid.

He was a member of the Peace Pledge Union and was not willing to take up any work of national importance.

Sir Luke Thompson, a member of the tribunal, said if everyone adopted that attitude Hitler would be here tomorrow.

"Would you mind that?" he asked Parry, who replied, "No."

"ANTI-CHRISTIAN"

Parry said he would not help his brother if he were wearing khaki. "I have never heard of such a callous, hard-hearted and thoroughly anti-Christian doctrine as put forward by some of these objectors," said Judge Richardson, "and you seem about the most selfish of any we have heard."

George Herbert Boddy, of St. James Farm, Pickering, Yorkshire, when asked what he would do if Hitler came to this country, said: "Hitler will never come here, and I oppose him."

Judge Richardson: "How do you know?" From the Scriptures. "It is his destiny to do this."

Boddy was registered conditionally on his remaining in his occupation as a farm worker.

RATHER AGGRESSION

Albert Harbottle, of Ponteland, near Newcastle, asked for unconditional exemption on religious and pacifist grounds.

He said he did not feel called on to do non-combatant service.

Judge Richardson: "Then have you no sympathy with the oppressed and persecuted Jews and Czechs, Jews and other races?"

"I have every sympathy with them," was the reply, "but I am not prepared for millions of others to be murdered to help them."

"I would willingly see them rescued, but not at the cost of mass murder and bloodshed."

Harbottle was registered without qualification.

Henry Ford Says War Will Stop If U.S. Keeps Out

CHICAGO, Sep. 26.—Henry Ford declared to-day that if the United States kept out of the European conflict the war would stop—if it really is a war.

"This so-called war," the motor magnate told newsmen in interviews, "is nothing but about 25 people and propaganda. Get them and you'll have the whole thing. They want our money and men."

Mr. Ford, who came to Chicago to attend the opening session of the American Legion's twenty-first annual convention yesterday as guest of National Commander Stephen F. Chidwick, said he believed the veterans would have a powerful voice in keeping the United States at peace.

He re-emphasized his opposition to President Roosevelt's proposed changes in the Neutrality Act, saying: "If we were to ship guns and ammunition over there we'll be in the war right away. If I were put on the stand, I'd say there isn't any war to-day. The whole idea is to get us into it and make it a war."

If anyone believed that lifting the embargo would mean even a temporary prosperity in this country, he is very much mistaken. We would have a much greater prosperity if we kept out of war than if we go in. He said he had not joined any organization attempting to influence Congress relative to the European crisis.

"I prefer to be perfectly free," he declared.

The celebrated automobile manufacturer was introduced to the convention amid a tumult which lasted for several minutes.

Sabbath Bomb Practice

Air Ministry Withdraws Ban

In view of urgent training requirements, the Air Ministry has found it necessary to withdraw the restrictions hitherto imposed on the use of certain air-gunners and bombing ranges, particularly on Sundays and public holidays. An official statement says:

"In imposing these restrictions, the Department was actuated by a desire to interfere as little as possible with the amenities of the neighbourhoods concerned, and in particular by recognition of the fact that the use of these ranges on Sundays would be unwelcome to a number of local residents."

"The outbreak of war has inevitably changed the position, and the Department is compelled to authorise the daily use of these ranges. Letters are being sent to the local authorities and others concerned, but this notice is issued as it will be necessary to make the change forthwith."

WIFE FOR 2 DAYS

R.A.F. Wedding On War Day

TWO days after his wedding Flying Officer Harry Dale Green, of the R.A.F., was killed in action.

He was married at St. Andrews, Fife, on September 3, the day war was declared, to Miss Barbara Bowes Austin, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Austin, of Kilmorie, St. Andrews.

His widow is staying with her parents.

Flying Officer Dale Green was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dale Green, of Evershield-road, Eastbourne. He was aged 32.

Two younger brothers are also serving in the R.A.F.

The Story Under The Stamp

A letter has been received by English friends of a resident in Germany asking the writer's friends not to worry, and stating that the food in Germany is good and all is well.

The letter concluded, however: "Tell—to take the stamp off this envelope for his collection, as I may not write again for some time."

When the stamp was carefully removed from the envelope there was a message underneath which read: "We are starving."

Motorman Leaves \$215,000

MONTREAL.—To all outward evidences, Abel Bergeron, a Montreal street car motorman, was a man of small means. He went to an occasional movie, lived in a cheap flat and did not dress expensively. Recently Bergeron died. Then came the startling discovery that he had left an estate of \$215,000.

CZECH, POLISH LEADERS MEET

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuters).—Dr. Edouard Benes, the former Czech Premier, and General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, had a long interview at the Polish Embassy to-day.

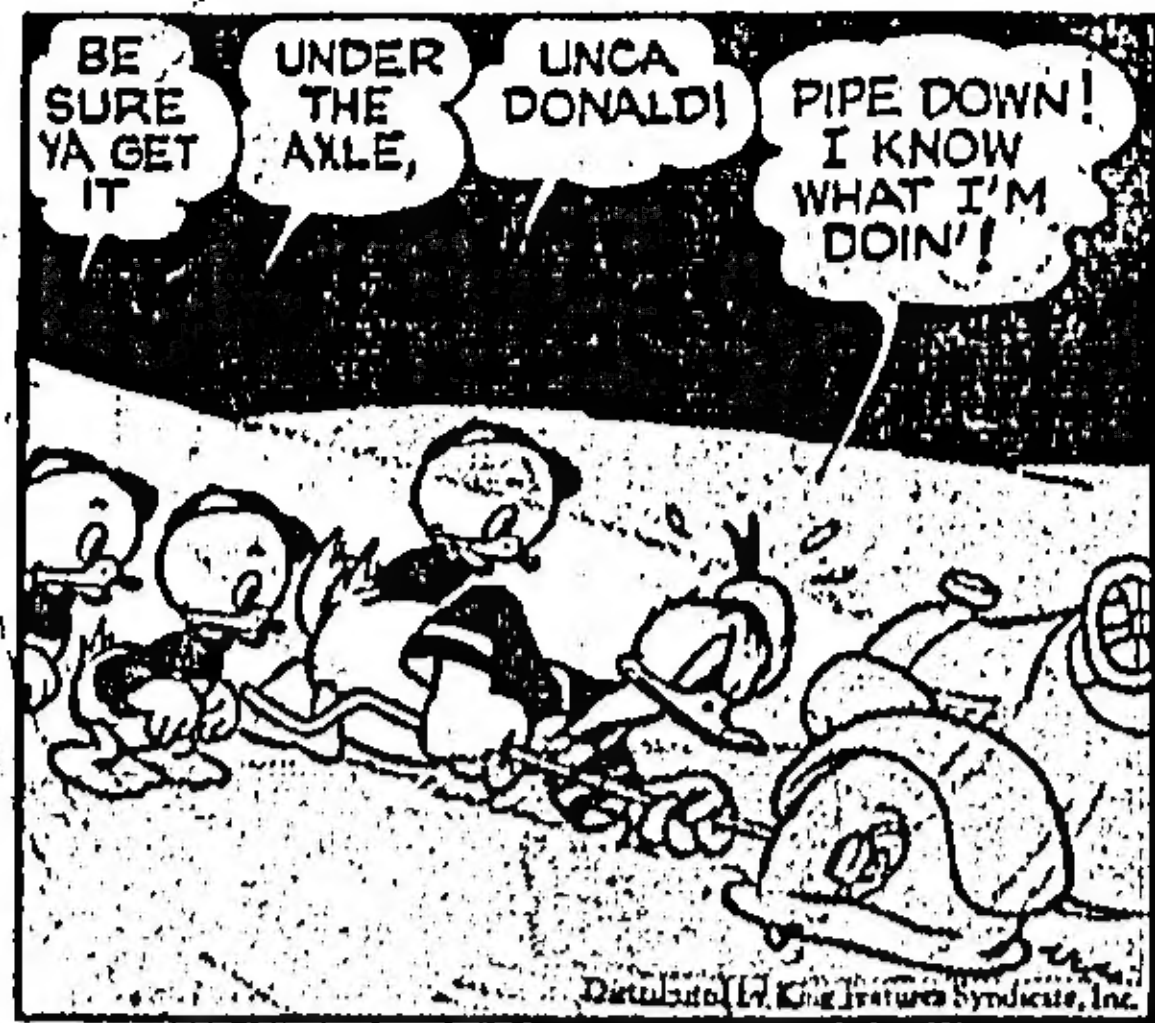
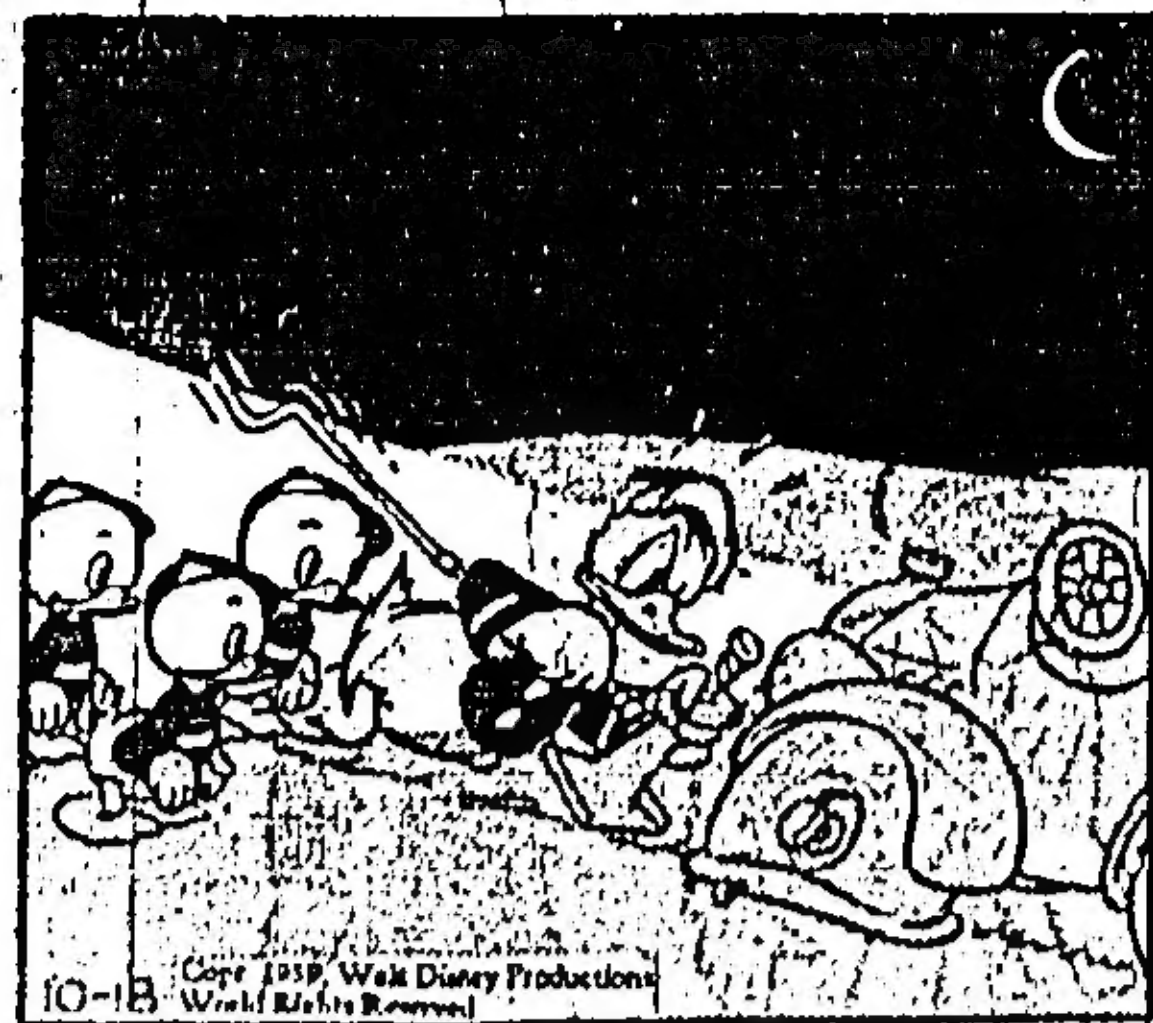
General Sikorski afterwards said that there was common decision to repair the damage done to their country.

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Why Baltic States Are Feeling Pressure SOVIET INLAND IS SEEKING RUSSIAN 'SEA'

LONDON. — Conversion of the Baltic Sea into a Russian lake from the East Prussian-Lithuanian border northwards, together with a benevolent neutrality over the Gulf of Bothnia appears to be the newest result of the Soviet-German Pact and Germany's preoccupation with the Western Front.

This is clearly the only interpretation explaining the visit of representatives of Estonia, Latvia, Finland, and Lithuania to Moscow. All of them have gone in a similar way as the Lithuanian Foreign Minister went to Berlin before the handing over of Memel to Germany. The only result can be that Moscow will dominate the whole Baltic area it had in 1914.

The Soviets are certainly pursuing exactly the policy which one could have imagined Czarist Russia following. One of their first steps appears to have been the acquisition of an ice-free port on the Baltic at Leningrad, enabling Russia to develop a Baltic fleet and mercantile marine.

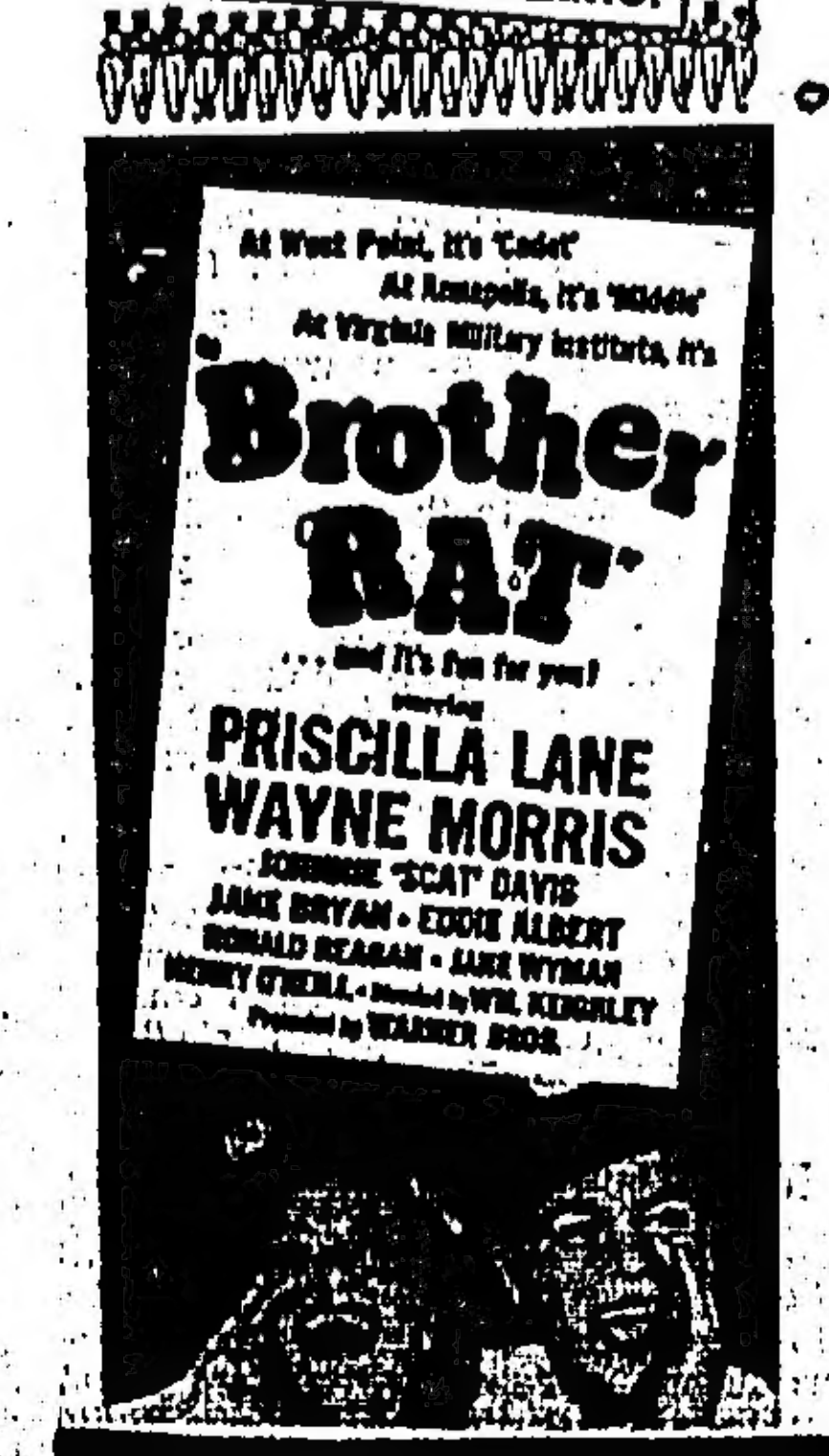
Russia has already used Estonia to establish naval bases and air fields. Lithuania is sending its Foreign Minister to Moscow. The Soviets presumably have no special demands on that country since it has no possible sites for naval bases and only a very short coastline. But it is a common frontier with Russia, and it is probable that its new Russian protector will expect that Lithuania, like the other Baltic countries, will establish a Soviet system of Government. In return Lithuania appears to hope for the return of Vilna which Poland took from it and which is now part of Russian Poland. This would be a small sacrifice for securing Lithuania as an outpost against Germany.

Germany's Impotent Consent

In this connection it is hard to believe that Russia's present actions in the Baltic are done with Germany's consent. A Soviet such consent as an impotent partner must always give. Examination of the map will show how dangerous Russia can be to Germany's Baltic connections with Scandinavia, especially with Sweden, which are all important just now since the Reich is drawing from there most of its supplies of iron ore, now that overseas sources are closed to it. Finland is also hurrying to make its peace with Moscow. But whether it be to-day or next week there is no doubt but that its position is such that this action must be taken sooner or later.

KING'S NEXT CHANGE

LET OTHER ARMIES WIN THE BATTLES... THIS GANG WANTS TO WIN THE HEARTS!



CHUNGSHAN FIGHTING

Chinese troops have taken to the rivers and creeks of the Chungshan district in their relentless guerrilla activity against the Japanese.

CATHEDRAL SANDBAGS

Protection For Canterbury

CANTERBURY.—Danger of bombing raids has turned twelfth century Canterbury Cathedral into a busy workshop to protect the edifice in event of air-raids.

A five-ton truck grunts methodically through the great west door, dumping loads of earth in front of the pulpit.

A two-foot gauge rail track mounted on rough wooden ties winds up the sanctuary steps, runs through the choir and terminates at the high altar.

Dynamites, humming busily where the Lectern normally stands, send a rail truck grinding through the church.

Labourers dump the earth, shovel it into sandbags, and send the truck back for more.

Carpenters toil at work benches that formerly were choir stalls.

Sand bags stand in place of the Bishop's throne.

Harassed Cathedral canons watch workmen root out prized, centuries-old ornaments, crate them in boxes and haul them to secret hiding places.

A mound of sand bags hides the tomb of Thomas a Becket, twelfth Century Churchman.

What few services there are now are held in the dim crypt. The vaulted arches are backed up with double walls of wood filled with loose earth.

Pole blue lights give the only illumination for carpenters whose workshop is a bow-shaped 'side chapel.'

'Blackout' Fatalities

LONDON.—Police disclosed to-day that there were nearly five times as many fatalities in London traffic accidents during the first 10 days of the "blackout" as during the previous 10 days.

In the first 10 days of September, 38 persons were killed and 975 injured, compared with eight killed and 310 injured the last 10 days of August.

The first bomb outrages since the institution of the black-outs occurred in the Piccadilly area to-day when four bombs, attributed to Irish terrorists, exploded at intervals. No injuries are reported and there was no panic although thousands of theatre-goers rushed to the scene.

The show windows of several Piccadilly shops were blown out and the sound of the explosions was

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

UNDER the slogan "Less study and more work," German women students are told that they must register for employment on the land.

"Professional attainments are not the main requirement just now," says the order on the subject issued by the Education Ministry.

GERMAN women have another cause for grumbling. Food rationing is too strict, with professional people's rations fixed at starvation levels.

But the rationing of silk stockings, both natural and artificial, is equally severe. It is threatening, as a wit put it, "to make the ladder the badge of the Nazi woman instead of the Swastika."

The different grades of rations are having one curious effect. They are driving scores of black-coated Germans into a search for heavy manual labour.

The reason? Only the manual labourer's grade of rations comes near to the amount of food on which a normal human being can exist.

THE ordinary man's distrust of the authorities is increased by the shortness of commodities which had been officially declared to be plentiful.

Thus, it had been given out that there were huge stocks of potatoes in the country. Yet the price has been increased by 15 per cent.

PARTLY such shortages have been due to Germany's anxiety to maintain her exports. For this reason, it is explained, no improvement in road transport is to be expected.

To Hungary alone German manufacturers must deliver 15,000 motor-cars before next April 1, and the authorities insist on the fulfilment of this and other such obligations.

HIP and haw tea was recommended as an excellent substitute for real tea by the German radio yesterday in a talk to German housewives.

The talk urged the collection of hips and haws, now ripe in the hedgerows. It explained that they contain more vitamin C than black-currants or oranges, and can be used for "delicious jams, soups, sauces and tea."

ONE last piece of irony. Despite their meagre rations, Germans still have to consume their one-dish dinners on Sundays.

The money saved will be collected, as before, and go to the Winter Help Fund—for the starving.

mingled with the shrieks of hysterical women. Two other bombs were rendered harmless before they exploded.—United Press.

Chase In City Area

A smart capture by Police Sergeant J. Hunter ended a police chase in the city just before 6 o'clock yesterday evening.

A Chinese was seen by watchmen climbing down from a roof left of Prince's Building carrying a basket of insulated wire. He was chased down into Queen's Road, where the police alarm was given.

The Chinese ran down Ice House Street to the Praya and turned back up Pedder Street. Sergeant Hunter, who had run along Chater Road, intercepted the fugitive in Pedder Street and arrested him.

Unified Air Command

London, Nov. 18. Reuter's correspondent with the B.E.F. in France writes that the appointment of a British officer to unified air command with a status similar to that of General Gamelin, the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied land Supreme War Council meeting, The correspondent understands that the announcement only awaits on the decision of the best man for the job.—Reuter.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued Saturday says: Perhaps the morning's trading is best described by stating the day is Saturday and a half day as regards business.

Buyers	
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$20½
Sellers	
Manila Gold Shares	
Antimols	15 s
Atoks	18 s
Bangulo Gold	14½ s
Batong Bahay	0095 s
Benguet Consol.	1120 s
Big Wedge	21 s
Coco Wedge	17½ s
Consol. Mines	0033 s
Demonstrations	07½ s
I. K. L.	38 s
Ipo Gold	10 s
Masbate	20 s
Mind. Motherlode	07½ s
Mine Operations	08½ s
North Camarines	14 s
Paracale Cumnas	17 s
San Maurizio	75 s
Surigao Con.	18½ s
Suyo Con.	12½ s
Syndicate Inv.	018 s
United Paracale	31½ s

RAGGED GUARD OF HUNGARY DISCOMFITING THE NAZIS

Interest in Budapest has turned to the Rongyos Garda, or Ragged Guard, an organisation of volunteer guerrilla fighters who have lately been becoming more and more open in their attacks on the Nazis. The Guard is for the most part non-political, but it possesses a weekly newspaper, and many of the large Hungarian dailies have been glad to give its activities the widest possible publicity.

The origins of the Guard go back to 1920, when a group of ex-soldiers, given some assistance by the Hungarian and Italian Governments, occupied the western strip of Hungary about Sopron (Odenburg), which under the Treaty of St. Germain had been ceded to Austria. They drove out the Austrian gendarmes, and by their virtual military occupation of the area forced the Allied Powers to sponsor a plebiscite which brought the Sopron district back to Hungary. This feat made the name of the Ragged Guard heroic in Hungarian ears, and their sworn devotion to Admiral Horthy, Hungary's devoted Regent—whom they look upon as their spiritual leader—has added to their stature in the eyes of the Hungarian public.

Twice Disbanded After the success of the plebiscite the Guard disbanded, and remained inactive until September of 1938, when Eugene Hejjas, a brother of one of the leaders of the 1920 organisation, called the old members and many of their sons and relatives together to go on an active service against the Czechs and Slovaks. They formed guerrilla bands which harassed the Czech soldiery in the Carpathian mountain forests, they bore the brunt of the border fighting which occurred at Munkacs in January, and they fought the Sitch Guards, who kept the storm troopers of short-lived autonomous Carpatho-Ukraine State. There were at one time more than 500 of them in Czech prisons, but most of these either were exchanged for Czech prisoners in Hungary or managed to escape to Poland or to their native land during the invasions of last March.

When the Nazis seized Ruthenia the work of the Guard was thought to be over, and after paying homage to the Regent they disbanded once more—but not before announcing that they were ready to be called forth again if the interests of their Fatherland demanded it.

Until the time of this disbanding there were many Nazis in the Ragged Guard, and many Ragged Guards in the Nazi Party, but it was noticed that when the Guards returned from Ruthenia a distinct coolness had sprung up between their leaders and the Nazis. The Guards complained that the training and the arming of the anti-Hungarian Sitch Guards, the violent anti-Magyar propaganda, and much of the oppression of the Hungarian minority in Ruthenia were organised and directed by the German advisers to the Carpatho-Ukrainian Government. The Ragged Guards, during their months of guerrilla warfare, had had an excellent opportunity to discover the true state of affairs in Ruthenia, and what they learned led them to distrust their Hungarian Nazi allies, who were violently pro-German.

Nazi "Cowardice" This disillusionment was expressed mostly in the form of private complaints until a recent question hour in Parliament, when Nazi Deputies accused the Government of helping to organise a legion of Ragged Guards in Poland, who were to be ready to help Poland against Germany. The Government contended themselves with vehemently denying the accusation, but the Ragged Guards launched a series of attacks against the Nazi Deputies. They flatly accused Kulman Hubay, leader of the Nazis, of cowardice, saying that he and many of his followers who had come to help the Ragged Guard against the Czechs had remained only a few days and had fled when the first faint sounds of gunfire reached their ears.

The Ragged Guard as a whole is still disbanding, but a skeleton staff remains on duty whose task it is to keep the men prepared for a speedy mobilisation. The exact number of Ragged Guards is not known, but it runs into many thousands, with new recruits joining daily. The members are chiefly tough young peasants who are trained fighters in addition to being naturally pugnacious—they say, many of them, that they prefer action to the noisy debate of the Nazis.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 20, 1889.

Amateur Dramatic Club
Grand Christmas Pantomime
All Baba and the Forty Thieves
Opium Market

New Malwa, per picul \$570
(Allowance, Tails 32)
Old Malwa, per picul \$580 to \$600
(Allowance, Tails 32)
New Patna, per chest \$647½
(with choice)
New Patna, per chest \$620
(first choice)
New Patna, per chest \$600
(bottom)

25 YEARS AGO Nov. 20, 1914.

The Admiralty publishes H.M.S. Glasgow's report of the Chilean coast battle from which it appears that the enemy was sighted at a distance of twelve miles. The Good Hope signalled to the Canopus that she was going to attack with the Monmouth, the Glasgow and the Otranto. Five minutes after sunset, when the English ships were about to open fire, the enemy opened fire at twelve thousand yards. The growing darkness and the heavy seas made firing difficult. When the Good Hope and the Monmouth escaped in order to avoid destruction.

The Prince of Wales has been named to be the Camp to Field-Marshal Sir John French.

There is great difference of opinion as to how long the war will last, as to this, of course, it is difficult and unwise to prophesy, but it looks to us at present as if the war was only beginning, six months hence it might be possible to say how long it will last.

London is expecting an air raid by the Germans, and is fully prepared for the same. At night the streets are darkened and searchlights are placed at different advantageous points, and no doubt any attempt to raid London will meet with a warm reception.

We have been informed by Mr. Ragnor, the secretary of the local stock brokers' Association, that the Hongkong Stock Exchange will re-open on Monday next for transactions in Local and London stocks.

The Exchange has been closed since August 1.

The German cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau entered Apia Harbour. The New Zealanders manned the guns and expected a "bombardment" which, however, did not come. The cruisers stayed an hour and left for Papeete.

10 YEARS AGO Nov. 20, 1929.

Soviet terroristic enterprises in Manchuria are apparently being conducted on an enormous scale and the situation is serious, heavy damage having been done to the Chinese Eastern Railway.

An official communique, cabled from Mukden by Reuter this morning, states that the Russians launched an offensive on the 13th and 14th inst., the main attack being directed at Manchul, which was subjected to a bombardment lasting ten hours.

A display of the amazing powers of the Carden-Lloyd Light Armoured vehicle—a species of "Whippet tank"—was given at Kowloon Rifle Butte this morning before a gathering which included the G.O.C. (Major General J. W. Sandilands), the Inspector-General of Police, and many staff officers and Chinese representatives.

The baby tank is capable of astounding feats, such as climbing the almost sheer walls of earthworks, mowing down barbed wire and scaling the sides of steep hills.

All of the onlookers were delighted with the performance, and the Inspector-General being very enthusiastic regarding its suitability for local conditions.

5 YEARS AGO Nov. 20, 1934.

The French War Department to-day makes the startling statement that

Invited To Remain

Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow Of Hongkong Union Church

To discuss the pastoral, an extraordinary meeting of the members and adherents of the Union Church, Kennedy Road, was held after the morning service yesterday. Mr. A. McKellar presided, with Mr. E. Himsforth, the Hon. Secretary. The meeting was well attended.

Mr. McKellar said the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow's first year's term with the Church would expire in October 1940, and in the ordinary course he and Mrs. Dow would be due to go on Home leave in March 1940. He felt he was voicing the opinion of all present in saying that Mr. Mackenzie Dow would be encouraged to hear that his services to the Church were fully appreciated. This was the Reverend's first ministry, and like most or all of them, he had had to carry out his duties in most trying conditions not only in Hongkong but throughout the world.

Mr. McKellar said he was happy that the Church was a very important one in the religious life of Hongkong and that they were to propose the resolution that the members of the Church extend a most cordial invitation to the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow to be the Minister of the Church for a further period of four years after the termination of his present term of Office.

Mr. T. S. Whyte seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Replying to a question, Mr. McKellar said the next term would be from November 1940.

Germany, in 1935, will have organised a mighty army and will have built up an altogether more powerful war organisation than she had in 1914.

The German Air Force would be able to muster 3,500 to 4,000 trained pilots and a huge number of machines.

The French War Department states, too, that the great Krupp works are speeding up their manufacture of guns and that the explosive factories are increasing their output.

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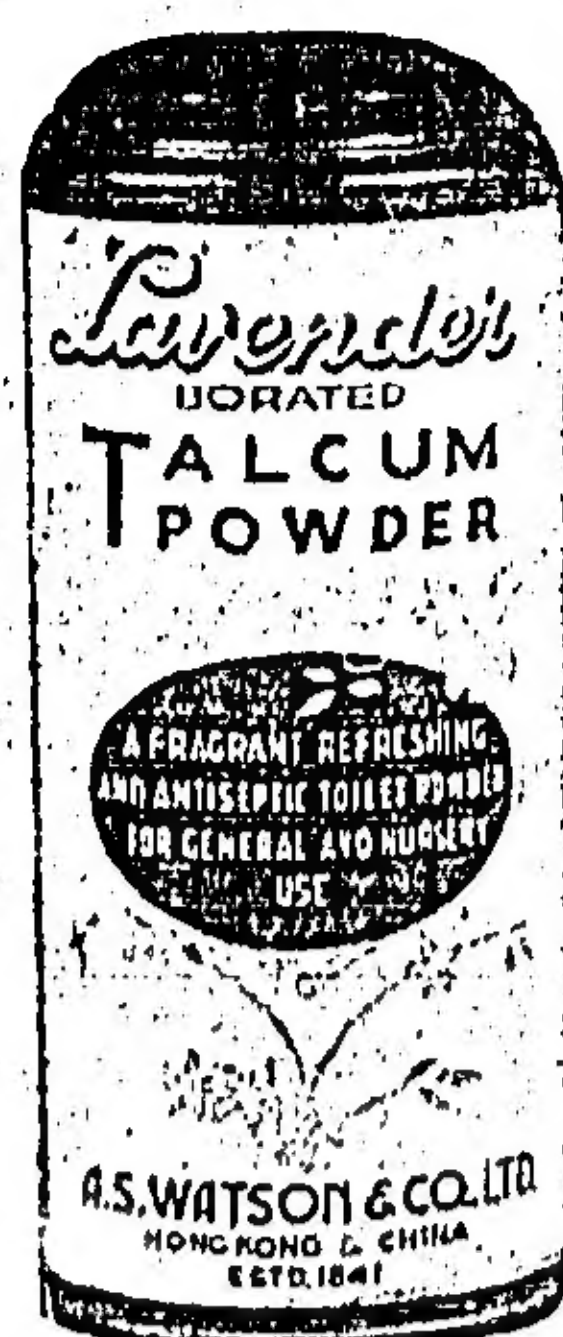
Success of this amazing discovery, called Vi-Tabs, has been so great in America that it is now being distributed by all chemists here under a guarantee of complete satisfaction or money back. In other words, you must make sure you feel full of vigour and energy and from 10 to 20 years younger, and get your money back. A special, double-strength bottle of Vi-Tabs costs little and the Vi-Tabs guarantee protocol restores Manhood and Youth.

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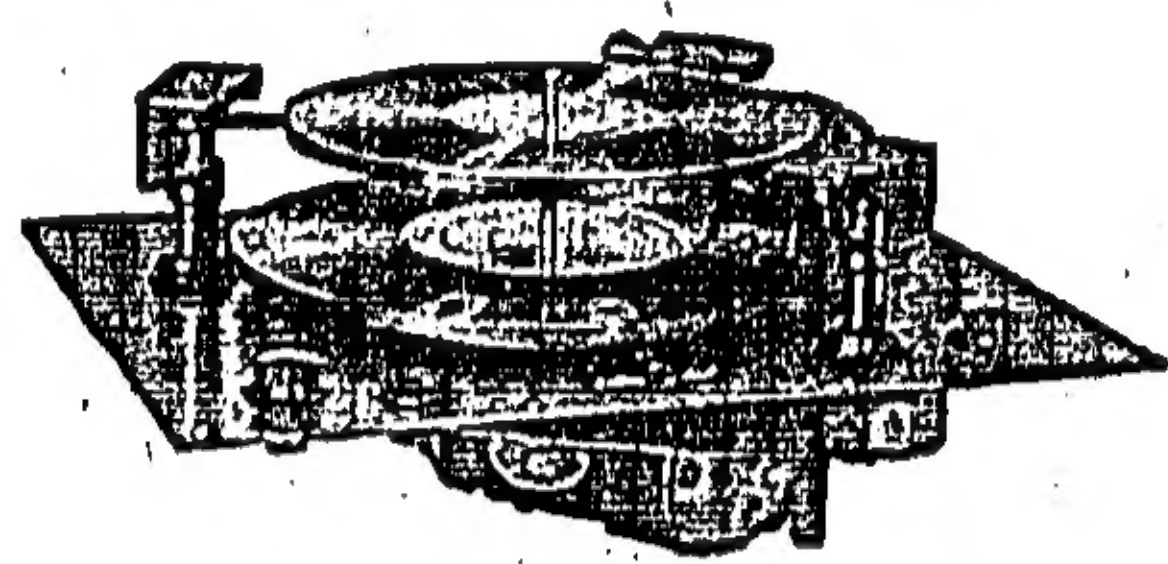
HEAR	The Philadelphia Orch. under Leopold Stokowsky Play The Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (Liszt) (D.B. 3088)
HEAR	The Invitation to the Dance (Weber) (D.B. 1235)
HEAR	Helfetz play the "Zigeunerweisen" (D.B. 284)
HEAR	Rondo. Avo Maria (Schubert) (D.B. 1047)
HEAR	Lawrence Tibbett Sing. Erl Tu. ("Dallo in Masehra") Largo al Factotum "Barber of Seville". (D.B. 1478)
HEAR	Paderewski Play His Own Minuet Moonlight Sonata. "Beethoven". (D.B. 3123-3124)
HEAR	The Unfinished Symphony "Schubert" played by The Vienna Symphony Orch., under Bruno (D.B. 8187 to 8189)
HEAR	Lilly Pons sing "Una voce pogo la" Barber of Seville. (D.B. 2301)
HEAR	The New York Symphony Orch. under Arturo Toscanini play Lohengrin. Prelude to Act 1. (D.B. 2904)
HEAR	Yehudi Menuhin play Hungarian Dance No. 8. Brahms. Romanza Andante. Sarasate. (D.B. 2413)

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Imponderables

In times of crisis the materially-minded thinker usually assumes the role of a realist and, in attempting to be prophetic, endeavours to balance ascertainable facts. He predicts success for that side on which he finds the weightiest arguments. Armaments, success in diplomatic exchanges, the disposition of forces, racial solidarity, and geographical advantages are the weights in his scales.

In following this method, however, he can no more prophesy the actual course of events than a speculator with his books of statistics and charts can surely predict the course of the market.

The result is that calculations quickly become subordinated to wishful thinking. Men form their opinions according to their habitual point of view. For this reason it is well not to accept as conclusive arguments based on these supposed determining factors, but to turn one's thought more to those imponderables which in the long run have more influence than "realism" will admit.

Foremost among these comes the actual state of mind of the peoples concerned. The vast majority are wholly opposed to use of force as a means of settling international disputes. There can be no room for doubt on this score.

What of the rulers themselves? Do they believe that by forcing a situation fraught with so much evil they can establish a new set of laws of their own and thrust aside the statutes upon which the order of universe is poised, statutes of which it has been written that "they stand fast for ever and ever and are done in truth and uprightness"?

To desist from the use of force as a means of getting one's own way, which preponderating strength has seemed to assure, may be a hard thing for human pride to swallow, but it may be still harder to disregard the very influential and cogent appeals for peace made in the last few days.

The greatest of all the imponderables, however, is the question of morale, wherever conscience makes either cowards or heroes of us all. However inviting to the bully may be the prospect afforded by a timid and ineffectual opposition, the situation is completely altered when firmness and courage show clearly that supposedly superior force is not to be allowed to have things all its own way.

Such imponderables are crystallising and detaching themselves from the chaotic vapours that taint the air.



THE RUSSIAN QUESTION MARK

Storm Centre
in the West

JUST over four years ago Saarland miners and steel workers shook hands with their friends from France who were going back home over the Lorraine border because, as a result of the Plebiscite, the Saar was returning to the German Reich.

They smiled at each other, clapped each other on the shoulder and said: "We will meet again at holiday times. It is not good-bye."

To-day these same men are divided by the guns and shells that spatter death along the Siegfried Line.

But they never wanted it to happen. The Saarlanders and the French understood each other perfectly. When the plebiscite was being taken on that freezing January day in 1935 I sat in a cafe in Saarbrücken with a German and a Frenchman, watching the snow swirling down outside.

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NAZI Brownshirts swaggered on the snowy pavements, hustling timid men and women towards the Nazi headquarters to listen to a wireless talk about the greatness of Adolf Hitler.

The German, a steelworker who was a Saarlander by birth, thumped the table with his clenched fist and said to us: "We will teach these upstarts a lesson soon. They have no manners. Who made them think that every German wanted to be a Nazi?"

The Frenchman sipped his wine and shrugged his shoulders. "You will learn that all Germans must be Nazis," he said, as though speaking to a child.

The Saarlander grumbled that we were making a mistake, for the people of the Saar were Socialists and did not approve of the Nazi methods by creed.

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THE world knows how the Saarlanders went to the poll next day, and put crosses on their voting papers giving the Saar to Hitler.

Since then they have learnt what it means to be Germans under Nazi rule.

Now the guns are booming in Saarland, where normally a million decent, hard-working miners, steel and iron workers, glass and brewery workers live—folk who have no quarrel with the French or any other people.

Those people remember what happened four and a half years ago, when they said "Yes" to the Nazi wooer.

Workers in heavy industries who appeared reluctant were told they would be expected to "vote right" and that a Nazi agent would call to take them to the polling station.

On Thursday, January 17, 1935, I wrote in a dispatch to the Daily Herald:—

"Outbreaks of Nazi terrorism were reported from many parts of the Saar territory to-day."

"I went to-day to the mining town of Dudweiler, where I was taken by an official of the mines to see 40 families who have left their homes and have been given temporary shelter in a big workmen's hut."

"So pitiful was the sight of the children crying for food, that a Swiss

The French Army is digging its heels into the Saar, that rich industrial area which, four years after voting its return to the Reich, finds itself the centre of the Western Front activity. Here

MARY FERCUSION who mixed freely with the Saarlanders during the 1935 plebiscite, tells you about these people who, until 1935, were verminates of the Frenchmen they are now fighting.

An American, another English journalist and I collected some money between us and gave it to the women to buy milk for their children."

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AFTER writing that report I went to Saargemund. "Every train from Saarbrücken is filled with emigrants—people who are fleeing from their homes because they have spoken in free criticism of what the Nazis are doing," I wrote.

Among "other" facts about the brutality of the Nazis to Socialist Saarlanders that I learnt were these:

At Saarlouis acid was thrown on the face of a man because he was an ardent trade unionist. Socialist leaders in the Saar were told, two days after the plebiscite was taken, that there was no hope of clemency for them.

M. Ellence, one of the Socialist leaders in Neunkirchen, approached the representative of Herr Buerckel, Hitler's Commissioner for the Saar, and tried to get from him a declaration that Socialists in Neunkirchen would not be terrorized.

Herr Buerckel's representative said that this was impossible; that they would follow the example of Germany.

"We will not victimise the mass of the people in your ranks," he added, "apart, of course, from taking their jobs from them and giving them to our own people."

"But we shall certainly not tolerate the trade unions or their societies."

"I would advise you and your fellow leaders to get away as quickly as you can."

All the loose money in the Neunkirchen trade union offices was immediately confiscated by local Hitlerites and handed over to the Nazi Welfare Fund.

Dr. Eugene Feled, editor of a Saar-louis Labour paper, left after the plebiscite, taking 200 colleagues with him.

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DURING the night of the plebiscite the home of the French Consul in Saarbrücken was besieged with people who wanted to get away to safety over the Lorraine border and into Forbach.

As the frightened mine and steel workers and their families fled across the borders, grim-faced Nazis took their photographs to add to the Nazi book of horrors.

Thousands fled from their homes, leaving behind them all they owned. Hundreds of thousands stayed at their jobs and kept their mouths shut. The scorn and hatred they felt for the Nazis was hidden in their hearts, waiting for expression on the day that the world turned on the Nazi brute to drive it out of existence.

Adolf Hitler must be a very worried leader, because the people of the Saar are, in the main, not his people. They are democrats who love freedom.

Hitler has enemies on both sides of the Saar borders who are just waiting for the Siegfried Line to break.

SAILORS
DON'T LIKE
SWIMMING

"It is surprising how few sailors can swim," said one of the Courageous survivors in the Daily Express.

Certainly the Navy don't do very well in inter-service swimming sports. From 1924-1937 the Navy won three times, the Army won eight times, they dead-ended once, and the R.A.F. won twice.

The explanation is largely that the Navy is too scattered to develop teams of specialists. But it is a fact that sailors rather despise swimming; yet they like rowing, off-duty.

The psychologist explains this apparent contradiction as follows: "Subconsciously the sailor must be frightened of the sea. It is a hostile thing which he is always fighting. Therefore he must strive to remain master of it."

"To concede that the ought to learn to swim would be to concede the possibility of a situation arising in which he would be at the sea's mercy. On the other hand rowing a boat in his spare time strengthens his feeling of mastery."

This sounds a bit far-fetched, but remember we are dealing with the subconscious mind.

The Admiralty's attitude is that a man who can't swim is a potential danger not only to himself but to others. So nowadays every would-be sailor must pass a swimming test in clothes before he is allowed to go to sea. The test includes floating in clothes for five minutes, and is conducted in fresh water to make it more difficult.

Freud's Son
Heads Legion
Of Freedom

IN a house in Westbourne Terrace, Bayswater, in a room furnished only with a large-scale map of dead Austria, meet a group of people pledged to resurrect their country from the annihilation she has suffered at the hands of Hitler.

Headed by the eldest son of Professor Sigmund Freud, the great psychologist who died recently, they are entailing picked men to form an Austrian Legion.

"There are some thousands of us Austrians in Britain, all refugees," said Mr. Freud. "I served for four years in the Great War, first as a volunteer, later as a commissioned officer, and many of us have fought against Britons in the past. This time we want to fight with them."

"We are not willing to see you go and fight against our destroyer and stay here eating your food protected by your arms and watch what we can get in the way of jobs, careers or money."

"We wish to fight not only for the freedom of Austria but the freedom of the world. Only when Germany—Nazi Germany—is broken can we Austrians build a new Austria."

"RADIO REVIEW" EXEMPT

A notice in the Government Gazette on Saturday exempts the Hongkong Radio Review from the provisions of the Priests and Publishers Ordinance. The Radio Review, which made its first appearance on November 11, is sponsored by the Postmaster General.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"The Old road was only wide enough for two cars, but this new highway can accommodate four smash-ups and room to spare."

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Submarine Seen Off Japan

TOKYO, Nov. 19 (Domei).—The submarine of "a certain country" was sighted 20 miles off the southern tip of Wakayama Prefecture early on Friday morning.

According to the "Yomiuri Shimbun," Captain Hiroji Shimohara, of the N.Y.K. liner Kurematsu, reported to the Yokohama port authorities that he had sighted the large submarine when on his way to Yokohama from Kobe via Nagoya.

German Raider Is Identified

London, Nov. 18.

Stories of the crew of the Africa Shell (not the Santa Shell as previously reported) leave little doubt that the tanker was sunk by a German warship, possibly one of the pocket-battleships at large.—*Reuter*.

Identified By Picture

Laurence Marques, Nov. 17.

Members of the crew of the tanker Africa Shell have picked out a photograph of the Nazi pocket-battleship Admiral von Scheer as the warship which sank the vessel.—*Reuter*.

Heavily Armed

Laurence Marques, Nov. 19.

The crew of the Africa Shell estimates that the German raider came up at a speed of 20 knots an hour. Her colour was battleship grey. She was heavily armed, carried triple gun turrets, at least two seaplanes and a crew of 700.—*Reuter*.

Running Blockade

Lobito, West Africa, Nov. 19.

Two big German liners, the Windhuuk and the Adolph Woermann, sailed from here unobtrusively yesterday for an unknown destination. They had been off Portuguese West Africa since the outbreak of war.—*Reuter*.

Two Provision Ships

London, Nov. 19.

One reason for the departure of two German ships from Lobito, is suggested, is that they have gone to meet and provision the German raider which sank the Africa Shell in Portuguese waters on the other side of Africa.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

War Minister At The Front

With the B.E.F., Nov. 19.

Mr. Hore-Belisha, the Minister of War, visited Tommy in the line and concluded that the Army was of excellent morale and magnificently equipped.

He saw mimic battles in the muddy fields behind the advance lines, inspected tanks, stores, shells, and pill boxes. One Tommy shouted, "Good old Belshazz! When's the war going to start?" Mr. Belisha enjoyed the quips, laughed and joked with the men and inquired into their welfare and explained how they would be able to enjoy Christmas leave provided the enemy did not attack.

General Sir John Dill accompanied Mr. Belisha who visited some of the men who were having an outdoor dinner. The soldiers were obviously pleased to see the War Minister.—*United Press*.

German Bulletin

Berlin, Nov. 18.

The semi-official news agency says, "In the district between the Moselle and the Rhine there was local artillery fire. On the upper Rhine, everything was quiet with the exception of heavy machine-gun fire from the enemy. Eastward of the Moselle the French are digging trenches; we observed heavy artillery in this district."—*United Press*.

Legation Mourns Czech Murders

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The Czech Legation at Washington and Czech consulates throughout the United States lowered their flags to half mast when they received the news of the murder of Czech youths by the Nazis.

Such action for ordinary citizens has not been carried out for many years.

Czechs Will Rise And Strike

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Commenting on Germany's mass arrests of Czechs, the "New York Times" says that now Germans have shown their dragons' teeth, they have given the Czechs a sacred cause which they will never forget. When the time comes, the Czechs will rise and strike, and the young men who have just died will march at the head of their battalions.

UNREST CAUSED IN NAZI PROTECTORATES

Martial Law Follows Rioting in Prague: President's Appeal

There is considerable unrest in the German Protectorates where Czech, Austrian and Polish subjects are rioting against Nazi rule and have drawn on themselves wholesale arrests and a number of death penalties.

Sabotage is said to be occurring. The chief promoters of the revolt are Czech students who have been distributed among concentration camps while the universities have been closed.

M. Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovakian Minister who has secret communication with his oppressed countrymen, states that this is not a big or organised revolt which, he indicates will come later.

The President, however, in a broadcast surprised his listeners by asking them to avoid bloodshed and not cause disturbances.

The German Press has again attacked Belgium for her alleged co-operation with Britain in expediting vessels passing through the blockade. An article states that such co-operation is unneutral and the German navy will take action to defeat this and other partial acts by small States.

Prague, Nov. 17.

It is officially announced that nine students have been executed and many arrested in demonstrations following the action of armed German storm troops and Gestapo officials who are occupying the Czech University and high school student house as an aftermath of the "freedom" demonstrations.

The Czech Universities will be closed for three months "due to acts of resistance."

The semi-official news agency said the measures were taken because a number of students attacked the Germans.

Groups of Czech intellectuals in contact with former President Benes have been attempting to break peace and order. The ringleaders have been found particularly in the Czech institutions of higher learning.

Another Storm Troop unit arrived this afternoon bringing the total Storm Troops in Prague to about 10,000 in three units, the Deutschland, Germania and Der Fuehrer.

Informal circles expect an extension of new and severe methods in spheres of Czech life. The business district is like a dead city since the official announcement of executions and arrests. Czechs are staying at home as much as possible.—*United Press*.

Dr. Hacha "Ill"

London, Nov. 17.

The Voelkischer Beobachter, official organ of the Nazi Party, says that Dr. Hacha, President of Czechoslovakia under the Protectorate, is ill.

"Dr. Hacha's convalescence," says the Nazi newspaper, "is likely to be a long one."

Actually reliable reports from Prague indicate Dr. Hacha has been arrested by the Nazis.—*Reuter*.

No Great Revolt Yet

London, Nov. 18.

Claiming that he had been receiving regular news from Czechoslovakia through secret sources, M. Jan Masaryk, former Czechoslovakian Minister to London said, "There has been no great revolt against Nazi aggression—yet. It would be premature and stupid at present, but the time will come later. The Nazis are at present following a systematic plan of de-nationalisation and economic ruin against my people, but they will fail."

M. Masaryk said M. Hacha is confined to a village in Bohemia. The Protectorate as a whole could not be described as Hitler's biggest concentration camp.—*Reuter*.

Martial Law Declared

Prague, Nov. 18.

The Protectorate Government has declared martial law in Prague, Kladno, Berauk and Horechowitz districts of Bohemia and Moravia. The measure does not apply to German citizens.

The declaration followed the announcement that three Czechs, including two policemen, had been shot for attacking Germans.

The Nazi Ministry of Propaganda says that President Hacha has appealed by radio to the Czech people to maintain "peace and order," speaking from Hradecany Castle.—*United Press*.

No Telephone Communication

Nov. 18.

Prague is telephonically cut off from the outside world.

Unconfirmed reports state there have been disturbances in the Skoda works and that the trouble has spread to parts of Poland.—*Reuter*.

Appeal For Peace

London, Nov. 19.

Unrest continues in Czechoslovakia, where martial law has been declared in Prague and three other cities.

President Hacha's broadcast last night warning Czechs against resisting Germans and advising them to submit, caused consternation among Czech hearers.

Dr. Hacha spoke in a voice of deep emotion. Three more persons were executed, bringing the number in the last 48 hours to 12.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

50,000 People Arrested

Paris, Nov. 19.

Some 50,000 arrests have been made in Bohemia and Moravia since Friday, according to a despatch from the Austrian frontier.

Armed S.S. men raided the South and Masaryk Colleges at dawn and took numerous students to the Buchenwald concentration camp.

Later the troops entered the medical and law sections of the Polytechnic Institute and arrested all the students and professors.

"Certain political personages" are also reported to have been arrested.—*Reuter*.

Yugo-Slavian Scenes

Belgrade, Nov. 19.

Students staged a protest against the execution of Czech students and German Legation.—*Reuter*.

SPIES IN TURKEY

Istanbul, Nov. 18.

Seven Germans, including a woman, were arrested here to-day for espionage and charged with establishing a widespread propaganda organization over Turkey.

Large sums of money in American dollars have been found in the lodgings of these arrested.

Two generals and two admirals attached to the Turkish Army and Navy are among Germans leaving the country, reportedly on Hitler's orders, while two German professors of the Turkish Military Academy have left for Rome.

The exodus of Germans was given impetus after the Nazi Press attack which came as an aftermath of the Anglo-French accord with Turkey.—*United Press*.

Reich Advisers Leaves

Istanbul, Nov. 19.

The German military advisers in Turkey are returning to Germany.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Trade With Britain

Ankara, Nov. 18.

A Turkish economic mission headed by M. Menemencidag, Secretary General to the Foreign Ministry, leaves on Monday for London via Paris.—*Reuter*.

Independence Celebrated

Latvia Is Pleased With Situation

KAUNASE, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—In a broadcast on the twenty-first anniversary of Latvia's independence, the President of Latvia said that the country was now in a better position and its forces stronger.

The Non-Aggression Pact with Soviet Russia has reinforced the security of her frontier and the friendly stationing of troops in Latvia has been successfully accomplished.

Speaking of the repatriation of Germans, he said that despite the economic difficulties caused by this step, it had benefited the country in a political sense.

Her relations with Germany were now on a firm footing as regards national questions.

DISAPPOINTED

German Military Mission Fails

ANKARA, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The German Military Mission has left Turkey for home.

It is reported that the order for their return was made personally by Hitler himself.

Many Germans, both officials and private individuals, have already left Turkey.

DUTCH STEAMER MINED

London, Nov. 18.

The Dutch steamer Simon Bolivar, 8,000 tons, struck a mine in the North Sea and it is feared that 140 have been lost.

A train-load of survivors arrived in London at mid-night from the east coast. A dozen ambulances, cars, many doctors and nurses and scores of police were waiting in the dark station. Figures with blankets over their heads, some with hurriedly-scattered belongings, alighted from the train or were helped into coaches by the police. Women had bedraggled hair and one or two had children or sleeping babies.

A ship's steward said, "The Bolivar was off the east coast when, without warning, a large explosion shook the ship. Everyone at once realized that the situation was serious but there was no great panic. People ran to the life-boat stations, some of them stopping to collect a few belongings. The boats were lowered on the starboard side."

"An attempt was made to lower the boats on the port side also but the ship had tilted and there was some difficulty about it. Some little time after the first explosion there was another equally violent one. I imagined that the first explosion was caused by a mine and the second one by another mine which was linked to the first one with a chain, or something of the kind."

"Shortly after the second explosion the ship capsized. The Bolivar was carrying some 200 passengers and a large crew. Many were injured. I do not know but it was a large number. I hardly know yet how I escaped. I'm lucky to be alive."

A telegram has been received saying that 17 of the Bolivar's survivors, including three children less than one year old, have been taken to an east coast hospital. Most of them are Dutch and were rescued from the sea suffering from shock.

The Chief Officer is among the survivors.—*United Press*.

Captain Killed Instantly

London, Nov. 19.

It is now revealed that the liner was sunk by a mine. She had 400 people aboard, many of whom were women and children, 200 survivors were landed last night in an east coast port. Many were badly injured and doctors and ambulances attended them at the quayside.

Of the survivors, 140 were members of the crew; 107 injured survivors have been taken to hospital in London, they include Dutch, British and Norwegian passengers.

According to a survivor, the captain was killed instantly on the bridge.

It is learned that two other vessels were also damaged by mines near the spot where the Simon Bolivar sank, but both succeeded in reach port.

The Admiralty announces that the sinking of the Dutch passenger ship was a further example of the utter disregard of international law and the dictates of humanity shown by the present German Government.

The mines were laid without any notification in the Channel followed by merchant shipping, both British and neutral, and there was no doubt they were laid for the specific purpose of destroying such shipping.—*Reuter*.

Owners Report

Amsterdam, Nov. 18.

The Bolivar left Amsterdam yesterday for Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, carrying 300 passengers, of whom 130 were first class, 40 second class and 40 third class.

Captain Voorspul had a crew of 150 men.—*United Press*.

Many Badly Injured

London, Nov. 19.

Many of the survivors of the Simon Bolivar are badly injured. About 70 had recovered sufficiently to be discharged from one London hospital this afternoon.—*Reuter*.

No Dutch Comment

Amsterdam, Nov. 19.

The sinking of the Simon Bolivar is detailed lengthily in the Dutch Press but without comment because Holland is determined to maintain her neutrality.

Information available indicates that the majority of the passengers were British, travelling to the Barbados and Trinidad. There were also a number of Dutch passengers, including employees of the Batavian Petroleum Company going to Surinam and Curacao.

Other passengers included Jewish refugees from Germany and other Central European States travelling to Chile.—*Reuter*.

Polish Naval Units

London, Nov. 19.

Britain and Poland have signed an agreement for certain Polish warships to work with the Royal Navy for the duration of the war.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Latvian Ship Sunk

London, Nov. 19.

A Latvian cargo ship has been sunk by a mine off Zeebrugge on the Belgian coast.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Nazis Warned

BRUSSELS, Nov. 18 (Reuter).—There is reason to believe that the rumours that Italy and Spain recently indicated to Germany their interest in the integrity of Belgium and Holland are not without foundation, states a semi-official Belgian news agency.

Reports indicate that the Italian and Spanish Governments made separate demarches which they probably worked out together aiming at implementing the Belgo-Dutch peace initiative, and they are said to have intervened in the same sense to London and Paris on November 11.

Italy and Spain are reported also to have insisted that the British Government grant all neutral Powers equal treatment with regard to maritime traffic.

Confirmed in Madrid

LONDON, Nov. 17 (Reuter).—The report of Italian and Spanish representations is confirmed in Madrid, but no confirmation is obtainable in London.

CHINESE LEADER CONFIDENT

Chungking, Nov. 18.

Commenting on the rumoured Japanese intention to invade Kwangsi, General Pai Chung-hsi, Chief of the General Staff and concurrently Director of the South-west Headquarters, declared to-day: "Our only fear is that the Japanese won't invade Kwangsi. If they do they will give the Chinese another chance to tie up another large force of the enemy in another corner of China's vast territory."

The well-known Kwangsi strategist said that the Chinese would probably adopt in Kwangsi the same tactics as they did in Shansi and north Hunan, where the population offered co-operation with the Army, destroyed all roads and evacuated everything they could carry on the approach of the enemy. In this manner General Pai Chung-hsi declared that the Japanese would be deprived of supplies and also the use of heavy weapons.

Anticipating an invasion it is now revealed that fifty-four political work Directors from various parts of Kwangsi were recently summoned to Kweilin for a conference. After six days' discussion these Directors returned to their posts and began pushing forward preparations for the struggle which they expected.—*Reuter*.

Pai In Charge

Shanghai, Nov. 18.

General Pai Chung-hsi returned to-day to Kweilin from Chungking. He is now in charge of the defence of South-west Kwangtung. The Japanese said that they attacked Kwangsi because they wanted to cut off China's munition route via French Indo-China.

Kwangsi is a mountainous province, whose troops are naturally accustomed to such warfare. Conscription was adopted there several years ago and is now applicable even to women.—*Special*.

American Nationals

Chungking, Nov. 18.

The American nationals in Pakhoi area as given by the American Embassy include Doctor and Mrs. H. V. Bradshaw, Mr. C. G. Fuson, Mr. Robert P. Montgomery with four children, all of them are above Limchow. These in Pakhoi are Messrs. H. B. Hawkins, C. H. Berndon and Miss Laura Hylton. All of them are missionaries except Mr. Hawkins who is a Customs officer.—*United Press*.

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Belgium and the Blockade

Berlin, Nov. 18.

A sharp warning to Belgium not to operate in British blockade measures and a threat to bring an end to shipping between neutral ports of cargoes suspected to be destined to Britain is made by the Voelkischer.

Referring to the recent request to Belgium by the British Ambassador in Brussels to assist in speeding up British contraband control, the Voelkischer declared, "the British Ambassador admits that Belgium's co-operation in British measures would include support of British economic war against Germany."

"Germany must now convince herself that neutral cargoes are not destined for Britain. This goes primarily for timber which has been going from the Baltic area to neutral countries where it has never gone before. There are also other grounds for suspicion. There are many cases of ships which previously always plied to Britain. These ships now give as destination even the United States, although they are not equipped for Atlantic voyage. In certain neutral ports, strange market organisations for timber trade have been created.—*United Press*.

Tension Relaxes

Brussels, Nov. 18.

The relaxation of last week's tension was reflected here to-day when thousands of Belgian soldiers returned for their homes on their monthly three days furlough.—*United Press*.



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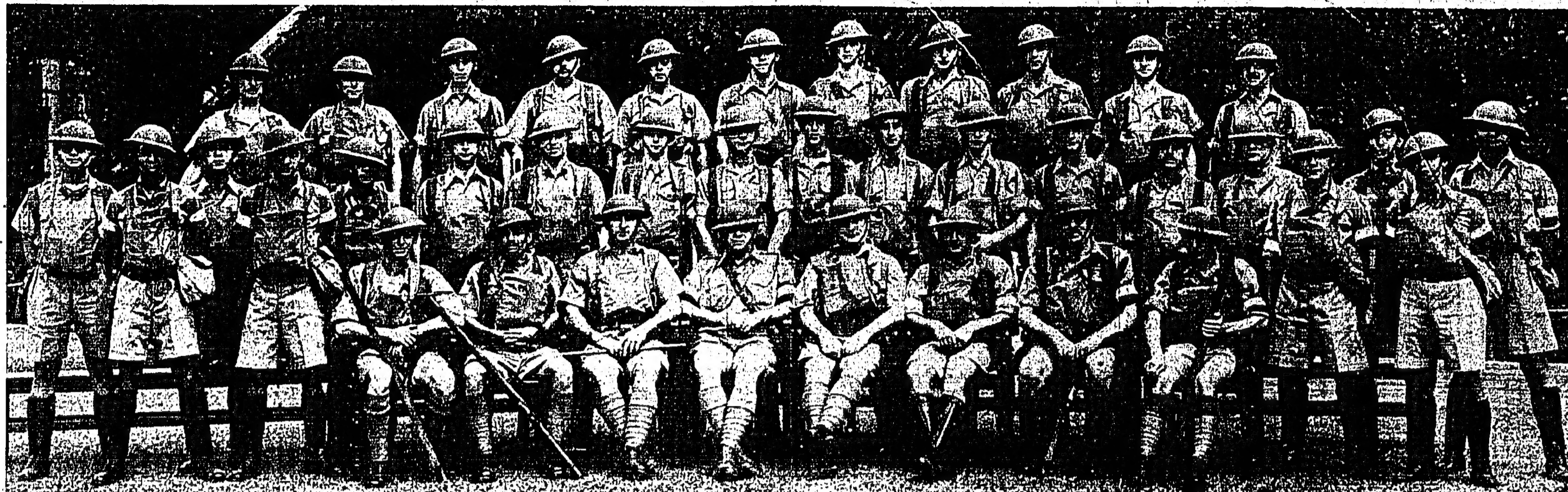
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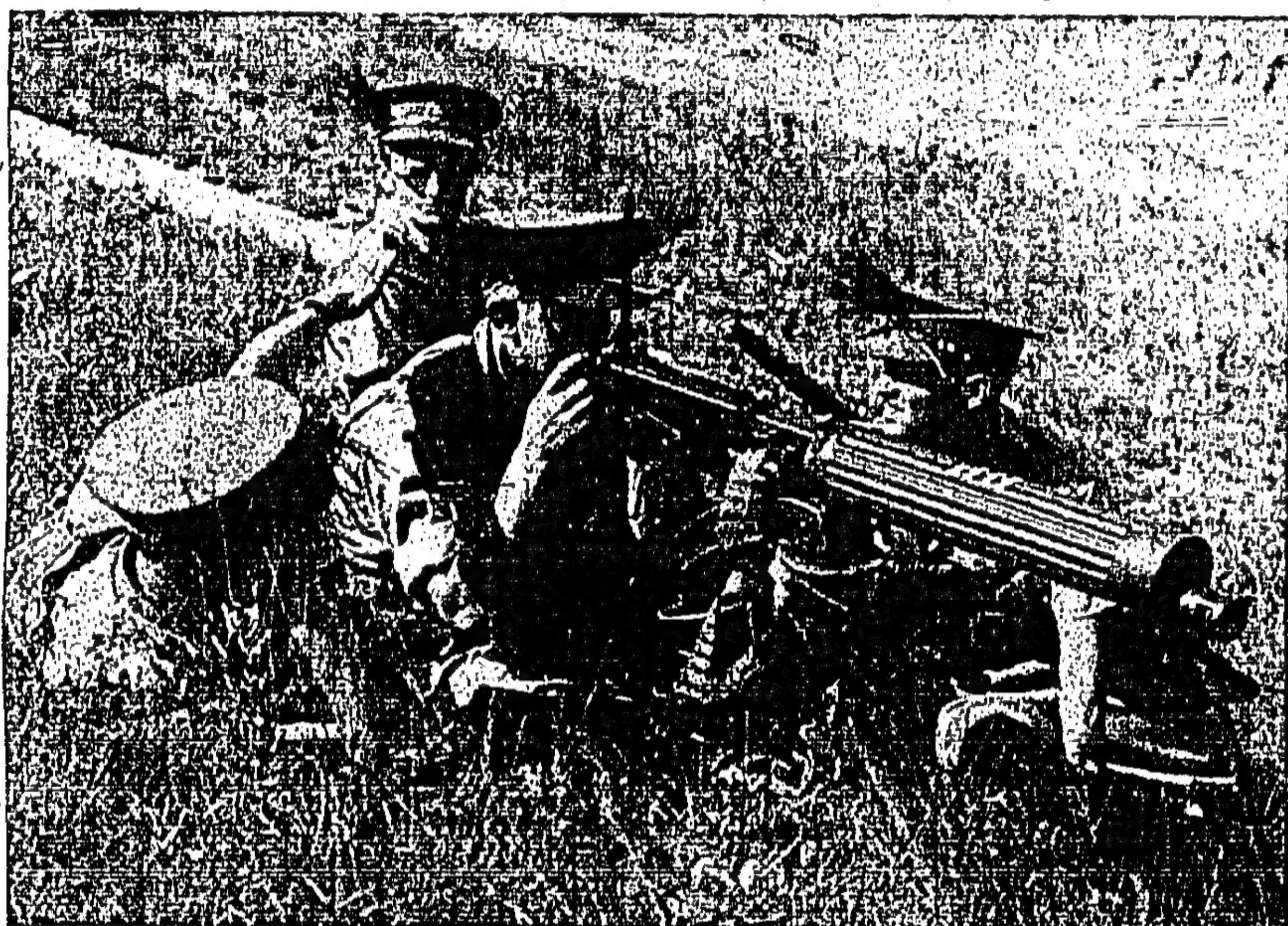
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TIN-HATTED MEMBERS of the Corps Signals, H.K.V.D.C., photographed at Volunteer Headquarters before proceeding to camp at Lowu. This unit, which is under the command of Lieut. N. Braudo, seated front row fourth from left.—Moe Chung.



MACHINE-GUNNERS in action at Lowu Camp. The machine gun section of the H.K.V.D.C. has been brought to a high state of efficiency in the past two years and provides the most important arm of the Colony's volunteer defences.—Ming Yuen.



THE GOVERNOR at Lowu Camp, watching the Volunteers at work last week. With the Governor is Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, 2nd in Command of the H.K.V.D.C. (centre) and Captain Batty Smith, the A.D.C.—Staff Photographer.



THE "TELEGRAPH'S" Sporting Page leads to an animated discussion outside one of the tents at the Volunteer Camp at Lowu.—Ming Yuen.

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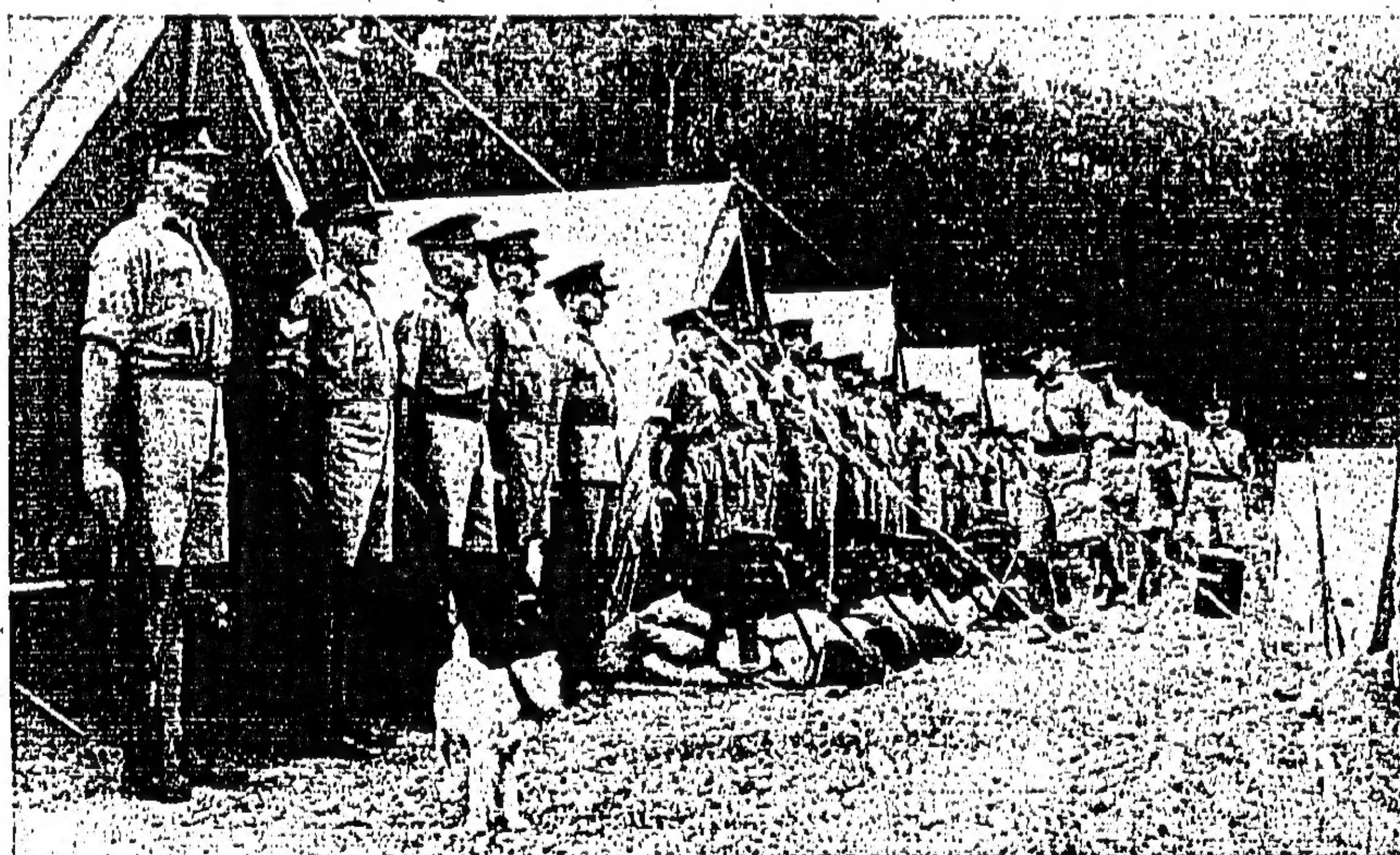


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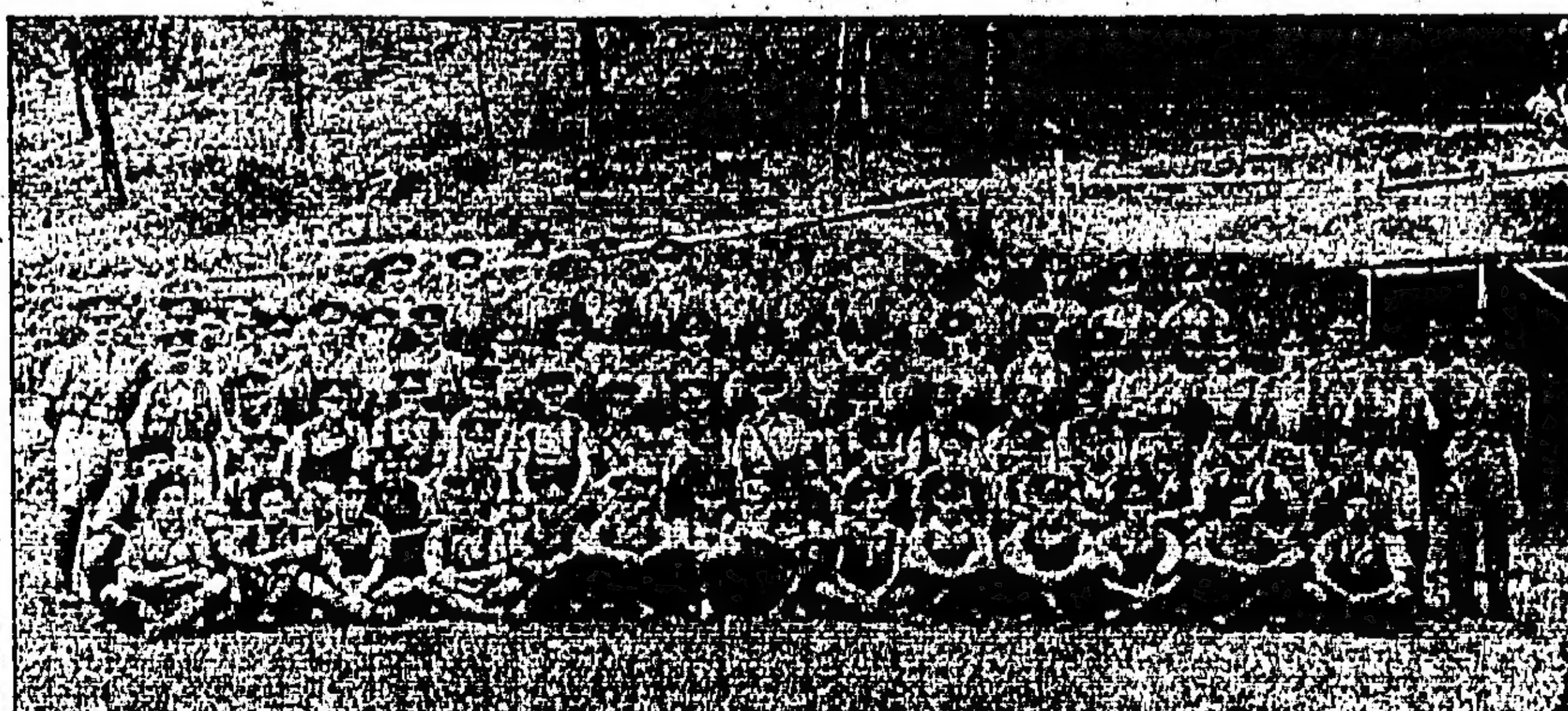
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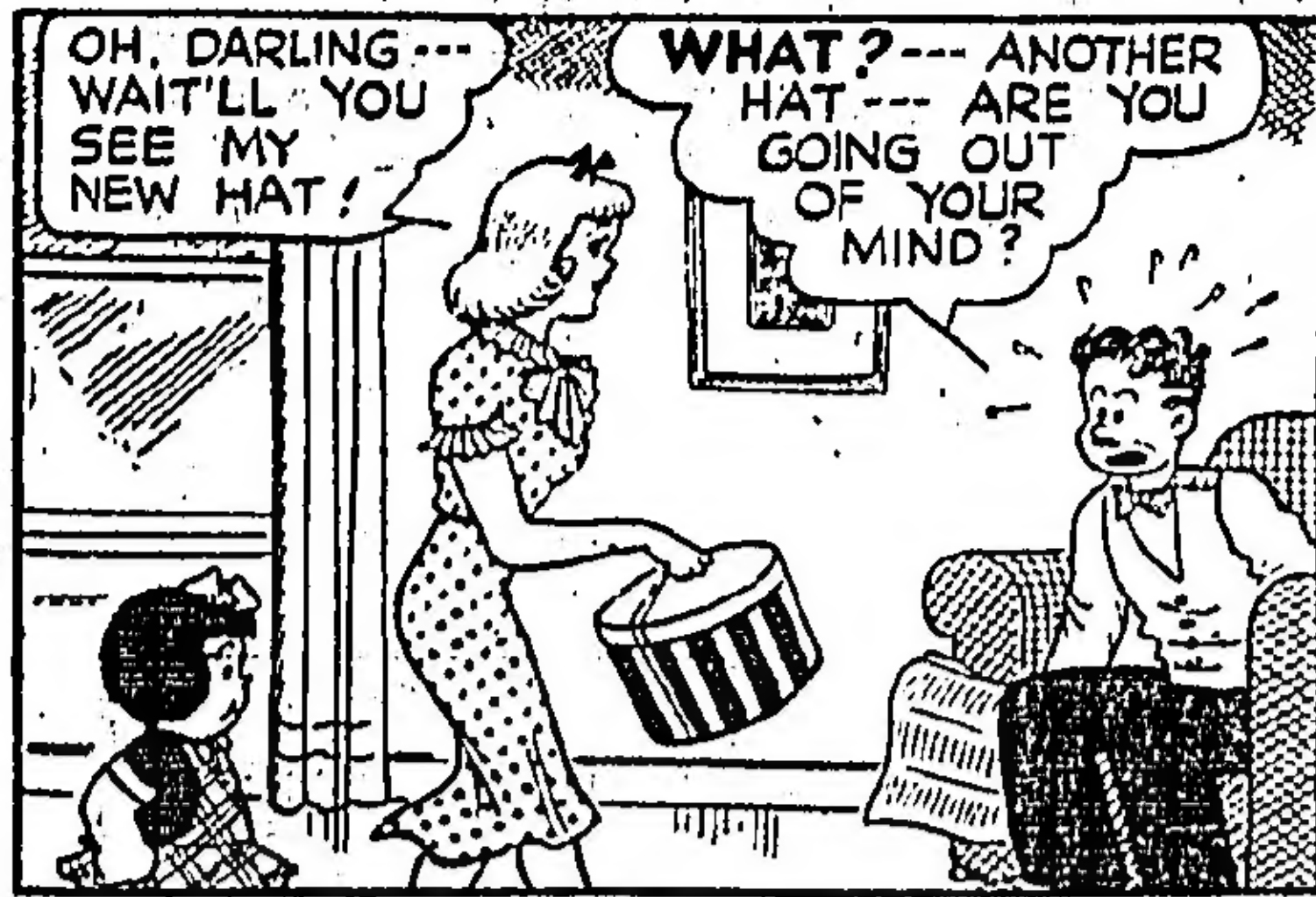


A SECTION OF THE VOLUNTEERS who proceeded to camp at Lowu last week. Other camps will be held within the next four weeks, each section spending seven days under canvas. These photographs are unique inasmuch as they are the first to be published since the outbreak of hostilities in Europe.—Ming Yuen.



SEARG. gives the machine gun the "once over." It has repeatedly been stated in official circles that the machine gun section of the Hongkong Volunteers will form the backbone of the Colony's defences in the event of an emergency.—Staff Photographer.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

TSAR'S GOLD MISSING

Belgrade. TREASURES, said to have been valued originally at £32,000,000, which were smuggled out of Tsarist Russia before the revolution, are missing from the vaults of Yugoslavia's Finance Ministry, where they were placed for safety.

Barely £1,000,000 now remains.

This was revealed at a special court in Belgrade yesterday when two emigre Russians, Anton Gendzel and Leo Kuzhinski, were sentenced for embezzling and disposing of part of the treasure worth £2,000.

Six other people—five of them smartly dressed Russian women—were also accused, but they were acquitted.

Minor Figures Only

Gendzel, the embezzler, was sent to prison for four years. Kuzhinski, his accomplice, for two years. But they are only minor figures in the greatest financial mystery of post-war years—a mystery that suggests wholesale embezzlement and theft.

In the words of their defending lawyer: "This case is in danger of developing into a monster process, involving the international relations of Yugoslavia, beside which the minor misappropriations of Gendzel and Kuzhinski are insignificant."

The trial was secret. Not a word was allowed to appear in the Press. But from a confidential document it is able to reconstruct the story of the treasure.

Chests of Gold

It consisted of gold and silver deposits from the former Russian National Bank, valuable collections of old coins from Moscow and Petrograd Museums, and private bank safe deposits.

Smuggled out of Russia in 1920 during the Kerensky regime, it was placed on the steamer Samara and landed at Kotor, Yugoslavia.

Thirty-two wagons were needed to carry the treasure in Belgrade. There were 25,000 boxes and packets, including 700 chests of silver, and 580 of gold and jewellery.

Some of the silver, worth £110,000, was brought to London and sold by the late General Wrangel.

Soviet Pleas

According to the document, the Soviet Government have already made representations to Yugoslavia for the return of this wealth, or such part of it as was originally the property of the State and municipal and public institutions in Russia.

The hush-up of the trial of Gendzel and Kuzhinski suggests that the Yugoslav Government now fear the relations with the Soviet may be badly strained.

The Queen To Make Bandages

The Queen, who has returned to Scotland, has organised a work party to make bandages and garments for the Central Hospital Supplies Service under the joint board of the British Red Cross Society, and the Order of St. John.

She will herself take an active part in the work, and will be assisted by members of the domestic staff of the royal household.

Runaway Girls Warned of Dangerous London

THREE runaway girls who had been found in London by police-women are to be "evacuated" to their own homes at Birmingham, Newcastle and Carlisle (Elire). They were brought before the Caxton Hall juvenile court as being in need of care and protection.

To the Birmingham girl, who had been found in a distressed condition in Hyde Park, the chairman (Mr. A. E. Leck, said: "London is no place for a girl, especially now. You know what the present state of affairs is. There is a possibility of London being an unpleasant and dangerous place. You had better go back to Birmingham."

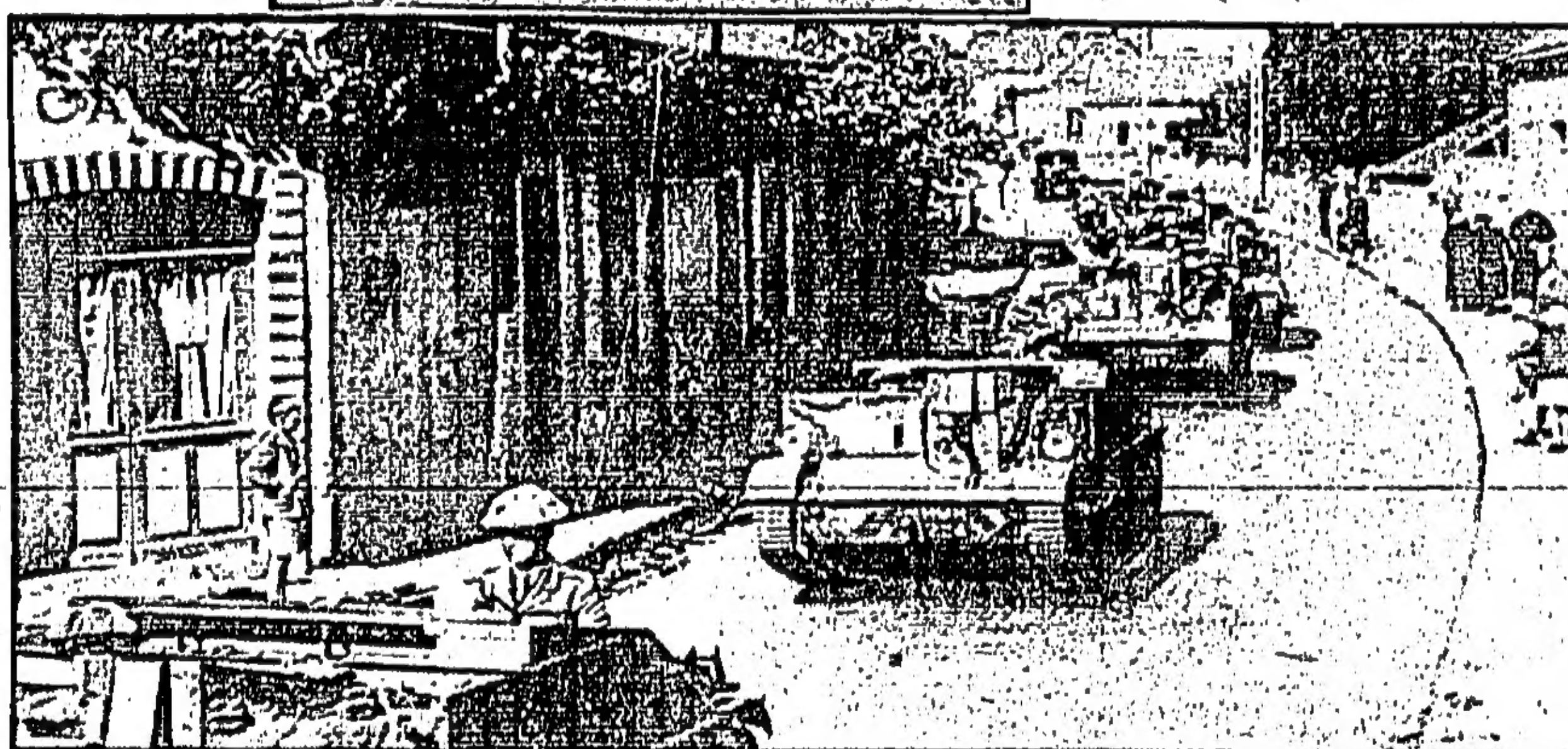
The girl promised not to return to London.

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The Newcastle girl, aged 16, when found in the West End, said she left

HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT

Air Minister Sir Kingsley Wood took the Chancellor of the Exchequer to an R.A.F. station to show him how the money devoted to the Air Force is spent. They chatted (right) with the pilots, inspected aeroplanes and administrative quarters, and expressed satisfaction with the organisation.



British troops driving Bren gun carriers through a French village "behind the lines."

TOO BUSY TO BE ILL

The view is expressed by an official of the British Medical Association that people had been "too busy to be ill" since the war started. He was discussing the dwindling practices of many general practitioners.

"Apart from their panel work, which is continuing more or less as usual, because, generally speaking, the insured people are remaining in their ordinary jobs, the average general practitioner has not nearly as much work to do now as he has in normal times," said this official.

"His practice has been very badly hit, partly because of the evacuation of large numbers of his private patients, and partly because, owing to emergency conditions, people simply have not time to be ill to-day. Nor are they bothering to call the doctor in for the treatment of minor ailments as they would do in normal times."

Timing Their Visitors

BRUSSELS. BELGIANS are being discouraged by the Nazi authorities to visit friends or relatives in Germany.

Only people with special passes are allowed to cross, and these are being "checked" in and out by the German frontier guard.

The reason for this tightening of the regulations is believed to be the growing discontent among the German population. The Nazis fear that through contact with their Belgian friends people may get to know too much.

Letters have been received in Europe from Germans appealing to their friends to bring them butter, coffee and chocolate.

NAZI PLANE PUT THROUGH ITS PACES FOUND TOO SLOW

ALLIED air technicians now have complete proof of the inferiority of Germany's fighting planes.

Britain, Australia, France to Ignore League During War

GENEVA. BRITAIN, France and Australia, in separate notes to the League of Nations, said the special clause in the World Court statute which calls for compulsory arbitration in any conflict, which they signed with 35 other nations, no longer was valid so far as their war with Germany was concerned.

The British note said: "All present machinery to maintain peace has broken up. The conditions under which the League of Nations was created no longer exist." The French and Australian notes were similar.

Test pilots have flown a captured Messerschmitt fighter, and their reports show that the plane is actually slower than many of Britain's bombing planes.

Yet the Messerschmitt—a squat little single-seat monoplane with square-cut wing tips—was one of Hitler's most vaunted weapons.

I revealed last week that captured German pilots referred to their planes as "flying bricks," and complained that they were difficult to manoeuvre in combat, says a London reporter.

A German fighter pilot landed his machine in France on one of the Allied aerodromes, under the impression that he was in Germany.

WINGS FLAP

In tests with the machine at certain speeds the short metal wings flap and quickly—an essential in air fighting.

The maximum safe speed for the machine is reported to be lower than 300 miles an hour, and at the speed the whole aircraft is vibrating dangerously and rattling.

Britain's warplanes are fitted with engines designed to use the most efficient fuel possible.

The engine of the Messerschmitt, however, is designed to work on a petrol little more potent than that used in a high-efficiency sports car.

SMALL-LOSSES

According to German propaganda before the war, the Messerschmitt was going to keep the air over Germany clear of invaders.

British and French craft have now flown millions of miles over enemy territory on reconnaissance flights with ridiculously small losses.

The reports on the captured fighter seem to give the explanation.

German Parent Ships to Supply Raiders at Sea

By A NAVAL CORRESPONDENT

AN effective point made by the Prime Minister in his latest statement on the progress of the war was that, previous to the outbreak of war, the Germans had placed their U-boats and their supply ships in the best strategic positions, with the result that our shipping losses had been somewhat severe.

This is the first information to be published to suggest that enemy submarines operating in the Atlantic are being assisted by supply ships. It draws attention to the fact that no fewer than ten vessels figure in the list of the German Fleet as sub-

marine depot ships. One of these, the Valdemar Kophamel, was launched at Kiel last May, and may not yet be in service; but all the others are believed to be in commission. Whether any of them are now at sea remains to be seen.

Apart from the question of the existence of parent vessels, it is certain that the U-boats cannot remain far away at sea indefinitely unless they can have re-course to bases of some kind. In this connection it may be significant that the Ministry of Information should have announced last week that "the enemy may attempt to establish submarine bases on the coasts of South and Central American countries."

IN THE LAST WAR

In 1914-15 there were at least three definite instances of this kind of disregard of neutrality by Germany. In September, 1914, the British cruiser Highflyer surprised and sank the German armed liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse while coaling in the Spanish waters of Rio de Oro, on the West African coast.

During the same month another enemy raider, the Cap Trafalgar, was similarly caught and destroyed by the armed Cunarder Carmania off the Brazilian island of Trinidad, in the South Atlantic.

After the battle of the Falklands the surviving German cruiser, the Dresden, repeatedly took advantage of Chilean neutrality, first by hiding in various remote inlets in the territory of Magallanes and later by lying at the island of Juan Fernandez, where she was found and her career ended by the cruisers Glasgow and Kent.

Britain-Japan

AMERICA BLAMED

Tientsin, Nov. 18. Interviewed by the foreign Press this morning General Homma, Japanese Commander-in-Chief here, declared that the Tientsin blockade will continue until a satisfactory solution of pending questions is achieved. He added that the blockade should have ended three months ago, when the Anglo-Japanese negotiations were proceeding smoothly, but the abrogation of the commercial treaty with Japan by America caused a stiffening of the British attitude.

General Homma was asked whether the Japanese military authorities would abide by the decisions reached by the diplomatic talks in Tokyo. He smilingly replied that as soldiers they would obey orders. General Homma regretted that nationalities other than Britons were suffering hardships through the blockade, but every step was being taken to reduce their inconvenience. —Reuter.

According to the United Press General Homma also stated that Anglo-Japanese consular officials were negotiating regarding the shortage of coal in Tientsin. The above statement has been confirmed by the British Consul-General.

Search Not Relaxed

Chungking, Nov. 18. In Tientsin pedestrians may enter or leave the Concessions only at three places, the International Bridge, Muehikow and Tungkowang, and they are subjected to strict searches. People leaving for outposts by boat are searched twice, Tientsin and Tangku.—Central News.

Agonising

Stomach Pain?



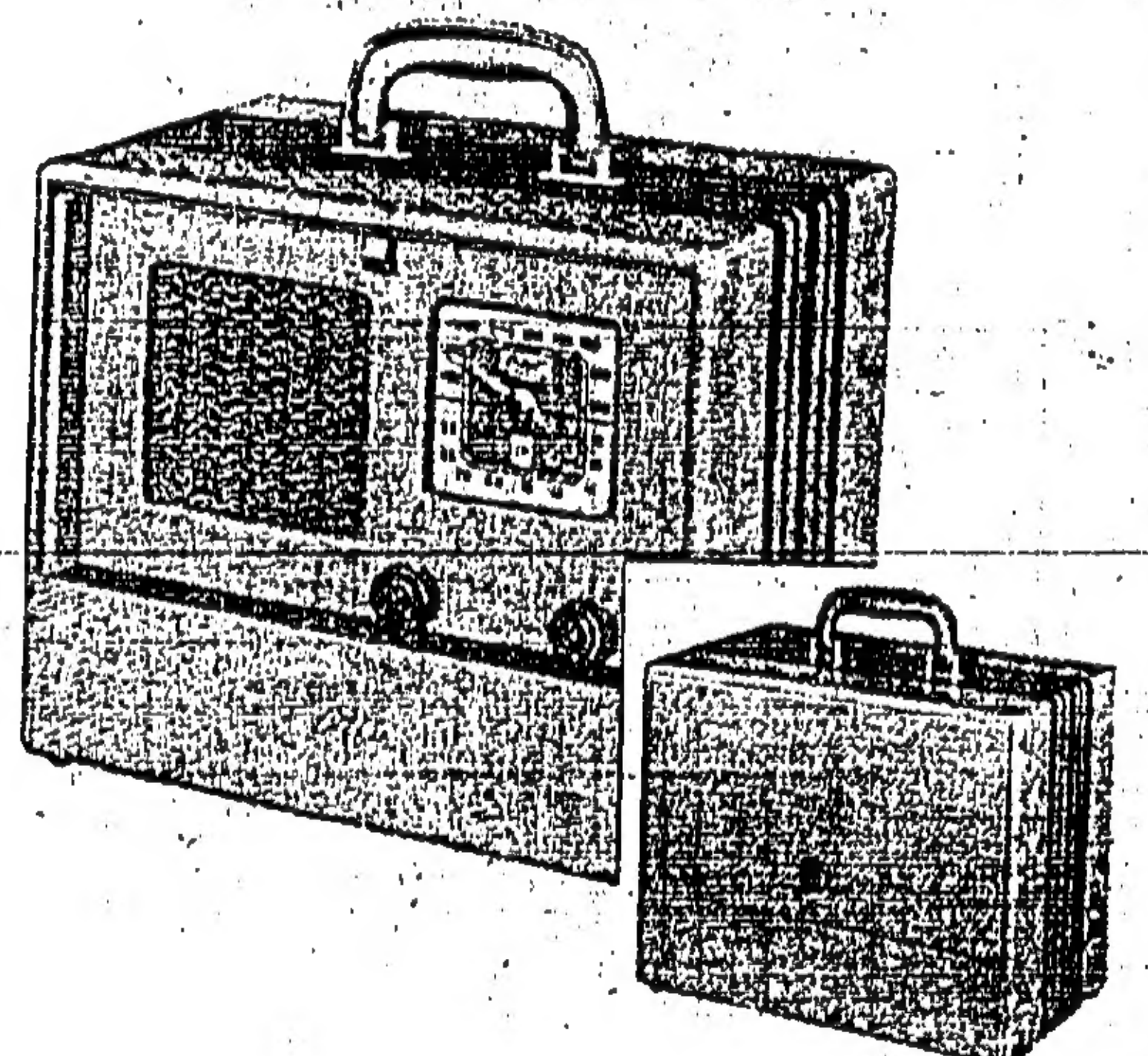
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Adolf's head gets bigger and bigger, and when he starts eating the mushroom he grows too big for his boots.

There is a tea party with the Mad Flatterer, at which State gardeners are busy painting white flowers red, "in order to please Russia."

The party attendees include the Queen of Heartlessness, Storm Troopers with clubs and spades, party leaders wearing their diamonds, also weeping Mockboobles.

Then follows a trial in which Vomrobber blows his own trumpet. The trial concerns Guineapig, who dared to voice the feelings of Blunderland's suppressed wives and mothers.

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CHINA'S FUTURE

Introduction Of Constitution

Chungking, Nov. 18.
At to-day's meeting of the plenary session Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek announced the introduction of constitutional government as an important item in the Kuomintang's latest programme.

Authoritative quarters said the fix-ture of a date for the convocation of the National Assembly in order to introduce constitutional government to replace the present one, under the National Party's tutelage, would be the major achievement of the present session.—United Press.

Proposals Examined

Chungking, Nov. 18.
Among the numerous proposals submitted to the sixth plenary session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang is a suggestion for the creation of two new Ministries in the Chinese Government—the Ministry of Forestry and Ministry of Water Conservancy. Delegates supporting the proposal argue that forestry and water conservancy are the most important part of reconstruction work in the north-west provinces.

Previously forestry was handled by the Agricultural Bureau of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, while the water conservancy work has been carried on by the Yangtze, Yellow and Hwai Rivers Conservancy Committees. The proposal is still under discussion by the session.

Important decisions covering party, political, economic and educational affairs were adopted during the meeting yesterday. One proposal adopted advocated the creation of smaller provinces by breaking up larger provinces into less extensive units.

Another proposal passed was that submitted by Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, advocating that weaving classes should be introduced into all schools and colleges and weaving should be made a required course for all girl students.

At the morning meeting numerous reports were heard on communications, education, publicity, social progress and overseas affairs.—Reuter.

People's Assembly

Chungking, Nov. 18.
Authoritative circles said that the date of the convocation of the Peoples Council Assembly will probably be in the winter of 1940.

The plenary session has decided the details such as the election of delegates from all the provinces of free China and occupied China and will also recognise delegates who were elected in 1937 as still valid except those few who joined the puppet regimes.

The decision to convolve the assembly is expected to remove all causes of friction between the various political parties.—United Press.

Hospital Improvement

Chungking, Nov. 18.
Improvement of hospitals for wounded soldiers and treatment was one of the important resolutions passed.—Central News.

Closing Session Held

Chungking, Nov. 19.
The closing meeting of the sixth plenary session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang is expected to be held to-day, when a manifesto on the decisions of the conference may be released.

Among the resolutions adopted at yesterday's meeting was one advocating improvement of military hospitals and better treatment of wounded officers and soldiers.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

TO PUB via YPRES

By HILDE MARCHANT
WARTIME brings inspiration to ordinary people.

I remember the letters my father sent to us at home from the Rubleben camp in Germany, when I was a tiny child.

He was an ordinary man, just as I was an ordinary daughter, but his letters had a delicate, sweet touch of inspiration about them.

It was not until I was at school and re-read them, that I realised what it meant.

They began: "My dear Hilde, Look after your mother..." I was little more than a toddler, and could help my mother no more than by getting whooping cough and measles.

THE letters that will be treasured this time include those from the children who are now living in the country away from home.

They record strange, unusual moments. This one, I think, puts your Cockney child's little street urchin into the top flight of imagination.

It came to a woman in the East End. Dear Mum—My "father" said to me that they were apples, and I looked at them and they were in the air, and I know apples grow on hand carts.

THE same child was walking through the village when a kindly man asked: "What is your name, little man?" "Arty." "What is your surname?" "Arty. What's yours?"

The man told the child that his name was Mr. Smith. "Oh," said the boy. "Well, my mum calls me 'Arty, but when she's mad she calls me Little 'Arty'."

THE children are well and happy, and they will come back furnished with the most fantastic stories of wonder in the countryside.

Another child in a country village went to the vicar's wife and said: "I don't like this place."

"Why, Tommy?" "Because it's so clean. When I go out my Ma scrubs me, and then I'm her little angel. But there's no chance here."

OUR home trenches are getting 1914 signs on them. At this office a notice went up on the sandbags:—

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"Dear Welcomed, Tea Accepted." And here is one against the Ministry of Information. A gentle story: It is about a friend of mine, a Greek journalist, who took the official statement and wrote it out to be censored.

He took the statement to the Ministry for guidance. A man there stared at the cable, and said:—

"I can read French and German, but this thing is all Greek to me!"

IN a pub at the Elephant and Castle a customer asked Charlie the barman how he would call time in an air raid warning.

"You can't call through a gas mask," said the customer. "No. I'd use a mallet."

CANARY GIVES Fire Alarm
MELBOURNE.—A canary saved the lives of eight people when fire broke out in the Colonial Hotel here. Sleeping on upper floors, they were awakened by the twittering of the terrified bird. They were able to leave the building before the flames reached their rooms.

JAIL MEANS New Shoes
YOUNGSTOWN.—Roy Collins, of Ardmore, Ohio, doesn't mind if he stays in jail here. Roy, 19, was arrested for train-hopping here. He wore only one shoe and that was lost when policemen arrested him. Police brought Collins a new pair of shoes and a pair of socks.

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Wanted Nazis To Win War

Youth's Suicide With "Mein Kampf" By His Side

A 17-years-old Birmingham youth, who wanted Germany to be victorious in the war, was not allowed to listen to German propaganda radio broadcasts by his father. Following that he went out on to some waste land and "died alone," with a swastika armband and Hitler's "Mein Kampf" by his side.

This was the remarkable story revealed at a Birmingham inquest on the youth, James Leonard Stott, of Fox Green Crescent, Acocks Green, Birmingham General Hospital, who was found poisoned with potassium cyanide on some waste land near his home recently.

"In such circumstances," commented the City Coroner, Dr. W. H. Davison, when he recorded a verdict of suicide while the balance of the mind was disturbed, "we must feel a great deal of sympathy for the father of this boy."

The father, Arthur Leonard Stott, said that his son, who left school a year ago, had been a laboratory assistant at the General Hospital, Last Whitsuntide, the father added, there had been an explosion in the boy's garden shed laboratory, as the result of which he appeared in Court and was bound over.

A German Revolver

The boy had also been fined for having a revolver in his possession. It was a souvenir revolver, which he had brought back from Germany.

The Coroner—Was he in touch with Germany?

Mr. Stott—He was in correspondence with a girl there. He had visited Germany twice. He was introduced to the country by the German mistress at school.

He appeared to develop Nazi tendencies?—No, he didn't get particularly. Nazi tendencies at all. His nerves were very bad. I put it all down to this girl. He lost control of himself.

He was all right until the German schoolmistress took him to the Continent?—Yes.

From that time he immediately developed the tendencies, Germany instead of his own country?—He was very affectionate towards this girl, and because of that he wanted to be in touch with the country. That was the trouble, this girl. He had a swastika armband, and pendant.

Was he so anxious about Germany that he wanted that country to be successful in this war?—I don't know about that.

The Coroner—But in your statement you say that he was anxious about Germany, and wanted that country to be victorious?

Mr. Stott—Yes, the reason for that was that he thought Hitler a great man, who had done so well for his country.

Wanted To Listen To Radio

Mr. Stott said that his son was reading Hitler's "Mein Kampf." He wanted to listen to the propaganda from the German radio station at Hamburg, but Mr. Stott would not allow it.

"I thought reading that book was enough," declared the father, adding that his son took no particular interest in politics.

His son, added Mr. Stott, had brought the revolver from Germany through the Customs without detection.

The Coroner—He left the house when you switched off the wireless?

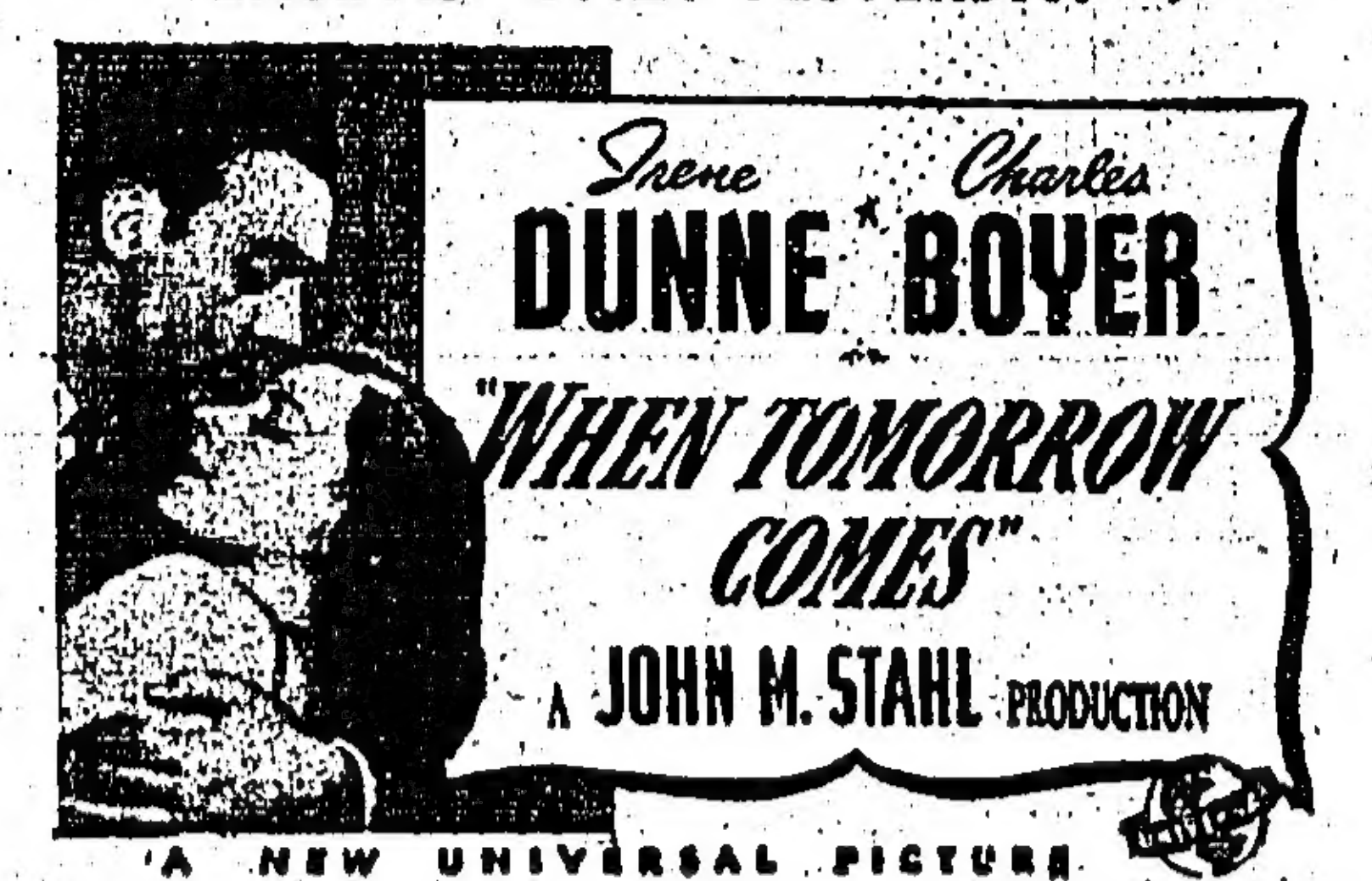
Yes.

The Coroner—Was he morbid and depressed at times?—Yes, the war made him very depressed for we were fighting his friends, more or less.

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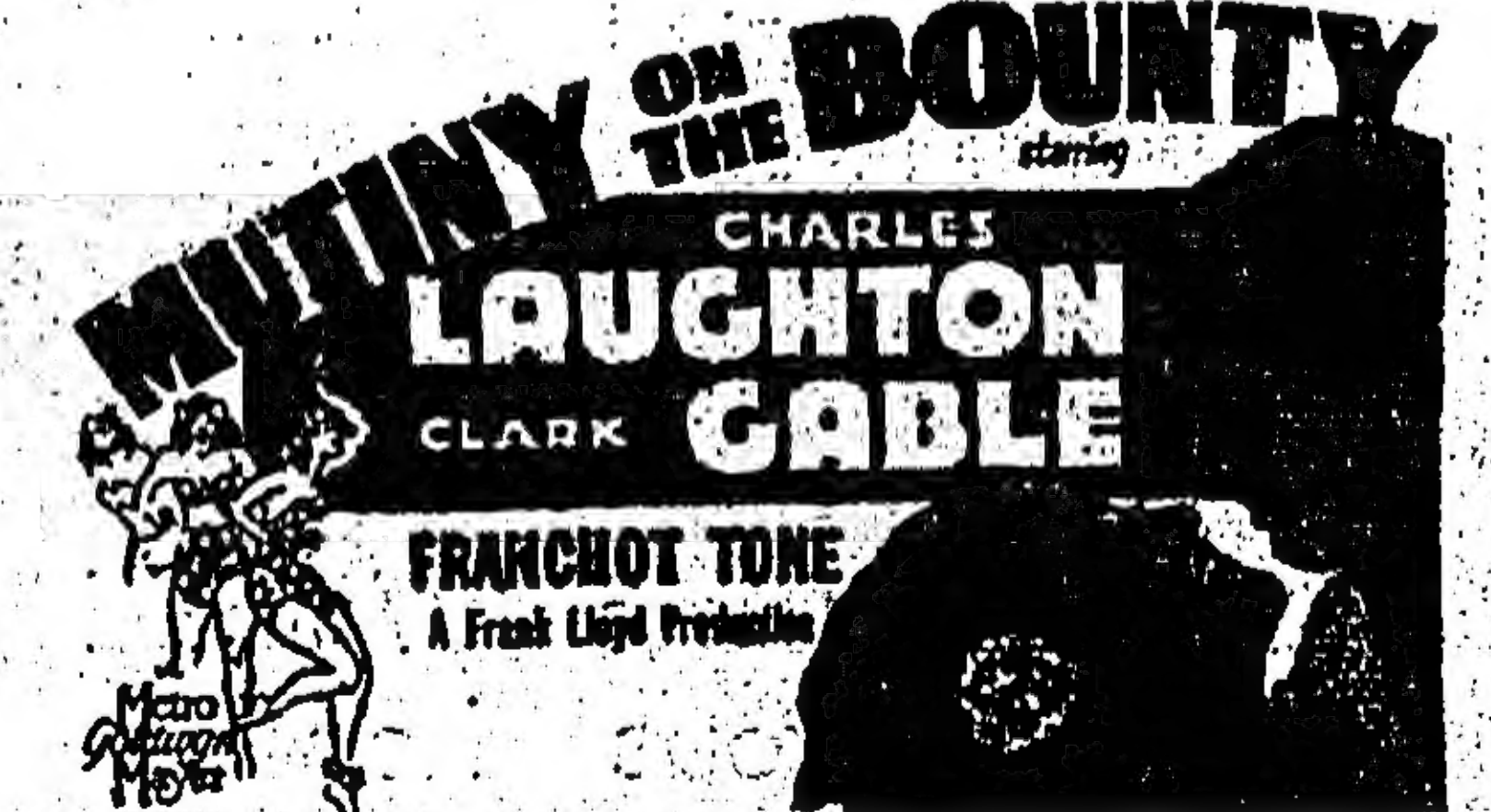
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BIGGEST SHIPPING DISASTER OF WAR

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter)—Mrs. Sandiford, wife of a Trinidad banker, and a survivor of the Simon Bolivar, gave an interview in London to-day when she paid a high tribute to the men of the Navy and other ships which dashed to the rescue of the sinking Royal Netherlands Mail Liner Simon Bolivar.

It's A War Of Words

All Talk, But No Action

Some Left Jabs By The British Navy

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The war seems to be going on in every Chancellery, legation and council room, but with little incident on land, sea or in the air, said the B.B.C. military observer from Daven-

There is talk on both sides and threats from one—but little apparent action.

One has the impression that Hitler and Ribbentrop are queuing in every direction in waiting out plan after plan, only to be told by their soldiers and airmen that the plan will not work.

Winning At Sea

Neutrals are less alarmed than they were, while the Allies are covering up and unloading a left poke to the body every now and again. Needless to say this "left" is the Navy, which is fighting the enemy steadily and remorselessly and with no weakening.

The really vital sphere at the moment is the sea and it is here that the enemy is losing most decisively. There is also rather more aerial activity.

The Shetlands Raid

The most interesting event, of course, has been the raid on the Shetland Islands by four aircraft which dropped bombs, doing only trifling damage, on November 13. This was the first raid in which bombs were actually dropped on British soil.

It was probably an experiment to see how the bombers carried their loads over that long distance and how they fared.

As they got away, the German propaganda machine has made much of the flight and has circulated a quite unfounded tale that British flying boats were destroyed, and a cruiser "probably" damaged.

That word "probably" is an unusually neat touch as it almost—but not quite—gives an air of reality to the cock-and-bull story.

Beware Next Full Moon

There may be some air raids at the next full moon.

The R.A.F. has carried out a series of daylight raids over Germany, not without loss, it is true, but bringing back over 100 detailed photographs of objectives, including aerodromes, as trophies.

On land, nothing much has happened, save in one case when a German battalion broke into a French outpost line only to come under costly fire from the heavy artillery of the Maginot Line.

ITALY DENIES INTERFERENCE

ROME, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Reports that Italy has informed the German Government that she is interested in preserving the neutrality of Belgium and Holland are authoritatively denied here.

Looking Back

In History

TRAGEDY OF 1889 RECALLED

TOKYO, Nov. 19 (Domei).—The fiftieth anniversary memorial services for 581 crew members of the Turkish warship lost when their vessel grounded and sank near Kashimozaki Lighthouse, in Wakayama Prefecture, took place last week.

The ship was on a goodwill cruise to Japan when the tragedy occurred on November 16, 1889.

The memorial services, held near the site of the sinking, were attended by representatives of the Turkish Embassy in Tokyo and by Mr. Mori, President of the Japan-Near East Trade Society of Osaka.

3 MORE SHIPS ARE SUNK Two Neutrals And One British

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Just before midnight news was received in London that three more ships had been sunk off the East Coast of the British Isles in circumstances similar to the Simon Bolivar outrage.

Two of them were neutral ships and one was British.

Italy's First Loss

The Italian steamer Gracia, of 5,800 tons, was Italy's first shipping loss of the war.

Another victim was the Swedish freighter, Borgholm, of 1,990 tons, while the British craft was 2,500 tons.

Full details of the sinkings are not yet known, and there is no information yet regarding the loss of life.

Simon Bolivar Casualties

In the meantime it is revealed that only 100 persons are now thought to have lost their lives in the Simon Bolivar disaster, about 40 less than originally feared.

It is, however, revealed that no fewer than 44 of the missing passengers are British.

The victims in hospital in London were visited by the Netherlands Minister to-day.

ITALY CAN KEEP OUT OF WAR

ROME, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Signor Virginio Gayda, writing in the "Voce d'Italia" said that the progress of Italy's economic self-sufficiency was such that it was possible for her to keep out of war.

Italy still has under arms four classes called up last August, and now has approximately 1,800,000 men ready.

Describing the scene aboard, she said that she had just gone down to the cabin to get some things for her daughter Jean.

She was unable to get the cases open, so she sent Jean for her father.

Soon afterwards there was a terrific explosion.

She staggered out through the darkness. The passage was filled with steam. She got to the top deck and found her husband injured.

She was told that he was twice thrown up into the air by the explosion.

A swift search revealed Jean, who was dazed and the three clambered into the same lifeboat.

The sun deck was awash when Chief Officer Smith left it.

Horror Scottish Nurse

In the lifeboat was a Scottish nurse who, despite the fact that her own back was injured, began in business-like manner to attend to injuries of the others and to make them comfortable.

Mr. Sandiford believed that a number of people forward and below must have been trapped.

In the passage I saw several crawling out of their cabins. Some of them must have been stewards. I don't know how they could have escaped because there was nobody down there to pull them out.

Then An Air Raid Warning

"After we landed, we were in a waiting room when an air-raid warning was given."

"Everybody was taken down into shelters and some were carried in stretchers."

"Among the passengers who jumped into the sea was a girl returning home after finishing school on the Continent. She got into a lifeboat but told me that as nobody lowered a boat she decided to jump for it."

Saturated With Oil

One of the problems of the nurses and doctors was the vast and tenuous quantities of oil with which the survivors were covered.

The hospital authorities had to make an emergency application for an issue of petrol for cleaning.

120 Lives Lost

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—About 400, mostly Dutch, but including 70 Britons, were on board the Netherlands liner Simon Bolivar when she was hit by two German mines in the North Sea on Saturday.

It is feared that 140 have lost their lives.

Of the survivors, 50 were badly injured and received first aid attention from doctors and nurses on the quayside before being removed to hospital.

Six Babies Rescued

Survivors also included 15 children and six babies in arms, most of them being accommodated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London.

According to the survivors, explosion of the first mine killed many outright and flung others into the sea.

The angle of the ship held up the launching of her port side lifeboats.

The second explosion shattered a lifeboat as it was nearing the water and killed several people.

The sinking of the Simon Bolivar is the greatest merchant-shipping disaster of the war.

Next Planes Sighted

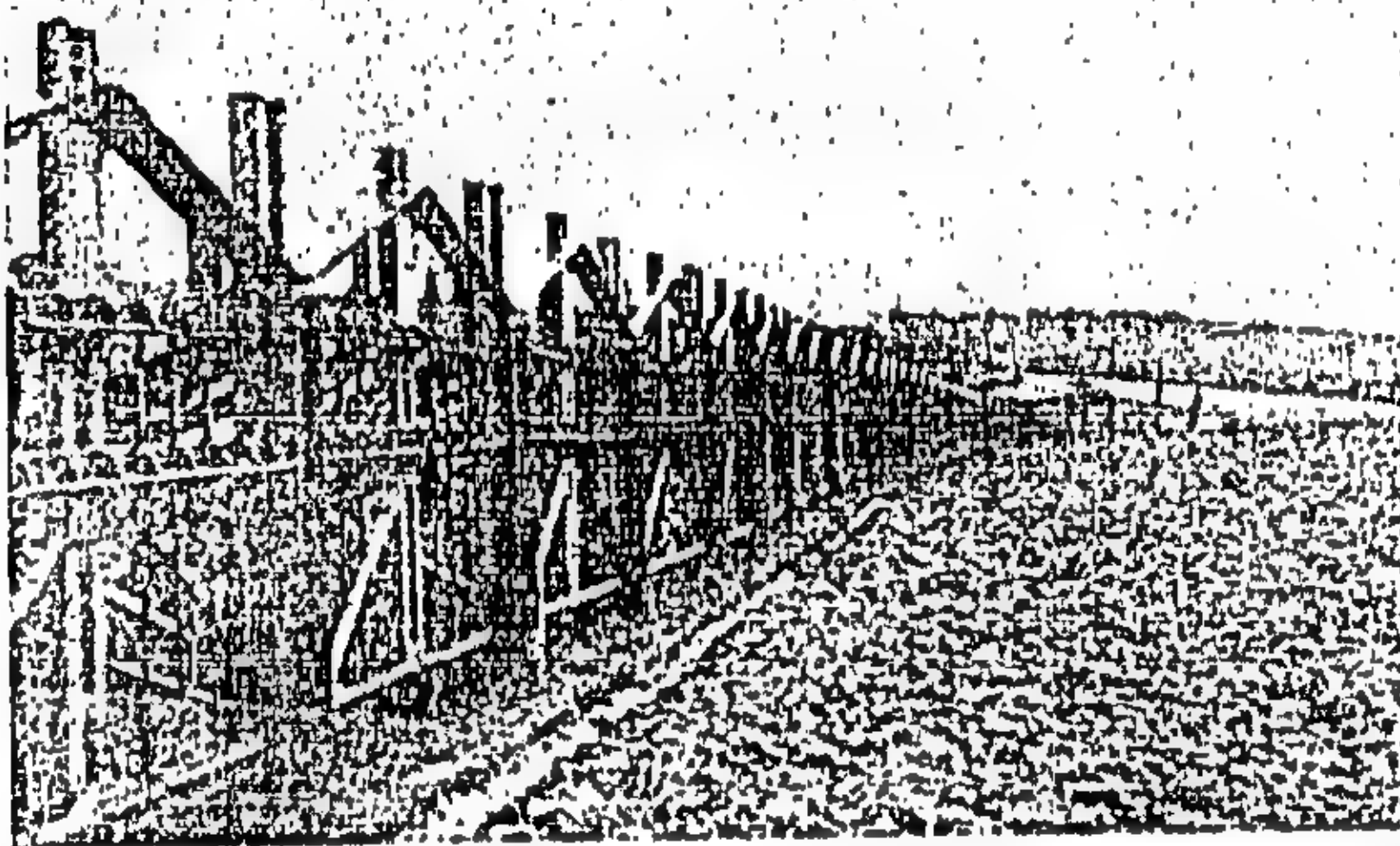
AMSTERDAM, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The London correspondent of the Amsterdam "Telegraph" says that a survivor told him that two German aeroplanes flew over the Simon Bolivar at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Survivors Recover

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The Dutch steamer Simon Bolivar, which struck a mine and sank, left Amsterdam for the West Indies on Friday night.

About 60 or 70 survivors had recovered sufficiently to be discharged.

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An interesting feature of the Belgian "Maginot Line": steel railings strengthened by supports as a barrier to tank attacks.

BELGIUM RELEASES MEN FROM FRONT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, Nov. 18 (UP).—The relaxation of last week's tension was reflected to-day when thousands of Belgian soldiers entrained for their homes on account of the re-establishment of the usual three days furlough every month.

Thousands of people thronged the streets to-day, doing their Christmas shopping and crowding the cafes, restaurants and cinemas.

Official quarters take a calm view of the possibility of a German invasion of Holland or Belgium.

The Belgo-Dutch peace mediation offer is now officially admitted to have failed.

S'hai Briton Arrested

Policeman Held By Japanese

CHUNGKING, Nov. 20 (Central).—A British policeman patrolling near the Japanese Naigai Wata Cotton Mills, in Robinson Road, Shanghai, was arrested by the Japanese authorities yesterday, according to a Shanghai report.

He was not released late last night despite the protest of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

Japanese Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Nov. 19 (UP).—Mr. Kunjiro Asahina, 30-year-old Japanese, was shot dead in the Japanese defence sector last night, allegedly by Chinese.

A Japanese Naval party placed a cordon around the area and searched all Chinese passers-by. There were no witnesses to the shooting, therefore details cannot be obtained. The Japanese Consular police and the Municipal police are co-operating in the investigation.

Returns To Be Interned

Voluntary Gesture By British Pilot

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—A British airman, accompanied by his wife, has voluntarily returned to Iceland to be interned for the duration of the war.

It will be recalled that he brought down his flying boat in Icelandic waters in September, and subsequently took off and returned to England under the impression that he had given no pledge to remain.

When he heard of the misunderstanding, he immediately volunteered to return.

He will be interned in a former palace which is now a modern farm.

Three Conditions For Revolution

Before there could be a revolution in Germany, three conditions were necessary, namely: the Germans who still believe in Hitler must feel the horrors of war; the Reich must suffer a military check; and privations must become more biting.

"I consider these conditions will be fulfilled by the spring of 1940," he said.

DARDANUS MAIL HELD

No Explanation Of Missing Bags

Although they have offered no explanation, the Japanese have not yet returned approximately 220 lbs. of mail which was on board the Imperial Airways liner Dardanus when it was forced down on Welchow Island.

The rest of the mail was delivered in Hongkong last week when the two pilots of the plane returned by steamer from Canton.

It is understood that the Japanese have promised to return the mail by one of their military transport Douglas DC-3 planes which was expected to arrive on Saturday.

The plane, however, did not arrive and no explanation has been given.

Yamchow Bay China's Greatest Natural "Fort"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Nov. 19 (Domei).—The recent successful landing of the Japanese forces near Pakhoi and Yamchow Bay, despite stubborn Chinese resistance, is attributed by the "Asahi Shimbun" correspondent to the efforts of the Japanese Navy during the past year and a half in surveying and sounding sub-marine conditions in Yamchow Bay.

The Bay is well known as China's strongest natural fortress, being studded with numberless reefs and islets, as well as with shoals.

The "Asahi" war correspondent vividly describes the strategy used by the Japanese military forces in effecting the landing near Pakhoi and at various places at the southwestern tip of Kwangtung Province.

The Japanese Army forces are continuing their advance northward and have already entered as far as over 20 kilometres into Kwangsi Province.

The Chinese military authorities have destroyed the roads in order to check the Japanese advance.

Threatened by the prospect of a Japanese invasion since February, when the Japanese occupied Hainan Island, the Chinese military authorities recently ordered the inhabitants of south-western Kwangsi to withdraw from their native places.

Chinese Hold Out

KWEILIN, Nov. 20 (Central).—Week-end reports received at the military headquarters declare that the war situation on the "Yanchoi" Fongshing sector has been "stabilized."

In addition to stubborn Chinese resistance, fog and drizzling rain is deterring the Japanese northward advance. The total Japanese landing forces at Yamchow, Fongshing, and nearby points are estimated at 4,000.

Severe fighting is raging at several small villages immediately north of Yamchow and Fongshing, including Tatschu, Wongyutun, Pinggan, and Yontseping, where the defenders are holding out against fierce Japanese onslaughts.

To the west of Yamchow, Japanese forces lost heavily in the vicinity of Fongshing in a bitter struggle on November 17. In the duel the Chinese coastal positions at Laitoutsui were pulverised by severe Japanese naval bombardments.

Shumchun Attack

YINGTAK, Nov. 20 (Central).—A force of about 1,000 Japanese troops at Shumchun launched a fierce attack on the Chinese positions at Pingwu, Cheungmukta and Tintongwai on the Canton-Kowloon Railway on Saturday. They were repulsed by Chinese forces with considerable losses.

Japanese Bomb Nanning

KWEILIN, Nov. 20 (Central).—Nanning, the capital of Kwangsi, was twice bombed by thirteen Japanese planes yesterday afternoon. Many explosives and incendiaries were dumped on the city, causing unascertained damage.

Advance Continues

YAMCHOW, Nov. 20 (Domei).—Chiulungkan, important Chinese position ten miles northwest of Yamchow, and Tufengmen, a strategically important town 10 miles north of Yamchow, were both captured by Japanese forces on Saturday, the press section of the Japanese expeditionary force to South Kwangtung announced.

Japanese forces were continuing northward advance, the military communiqué says.

Chinese troops of the 55th and 57th Divisions which attempted to defend Chiulungkan, were repulsed with heavy losses. Over 500 dead were abandoned by the Chinese, while 410 Chinese prisoners were taken by Japanese troops near Chiulungkan, the communiqué further claims.

Over 1,000 Chinese troops were dislodged from their prepared hill positions near Tufengmen, north of Yamchow, which were reduced by Japanese raiding forces after five hours of heavy fighting. The Chinese were armed with trench-mortars.

Another Dance For "Pukka Poona Sahib"?

LONDON, Nov. 20 (UP).—The war has produced a new dance. It is called the "Blackout Stroll."

It starts like the "Lambeth Walk." Then the lights "black out" and everybody changes partner. The idea is to give the girls a chance to get acquainted with the handsome men in uniform.

Eden And Belisha Report

On Western Front

We Are Winning Comfortably

Troops Fixity Of Purpose Noted

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, broadcasting in French to-day, referred to the recent visit he made to the Front on November 16.

He said that the dominant note wherever he went was the quiet determination of the males and females, young and old, civilians and soldiers everywhere, and their fixity of purpose and determination this time to make an end of the recurrent wars of aggression.

Final Victory Assured

"No one doubts final victory, and that with it a new page in history must be turned," he said.

As regards the Maginot Line and the patience and thoroughness with which France completed her defences and trained her armies, Mr. Eden declared: "Thus not for the first time in history, France has placed all civilisation in her debt."

Cheerful B.E.F.

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—"The men of the British Expeditionary Force are all cheerful, their health is good, and I am confident that we are winning the war comfortably," said Mr. Leslie Horne-Belisha, the British War Minister, before he left the British Front to-day.

Visit To Front Line

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Nov. 18 (UP).—Last Saturday, Mr. L. Horne-Belisha, the Minister of War, visited Tommy up in the line and concluded that the Army in the field was of excellent morale and magnificently equipped and

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WIFE FOR 2 DAYS

R.A.F. Wedding On War Day

TWO days after his wedding Flying Officer Harry Dale Green, of the R.A.F., was killed in action.

He was married at St. Andrews, Fifeshire, on September 3, the day war was declared, to Miss Barbara Bowes Austin, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Austin, of Kilrudd, St. Andrews.

His widow is staying with her parents.

Flying Officer Dale Green was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dale Green, of Eversfield-road, Enstbourne. He was aged 32.

Two younger brothers are also serving in the R.A.F.

The Story Under The Stamp

A letter has been received by English friends of a resident in Germany asking the writer's friends not to worry, and stating that the food in Germany is good and all is well.

The letter concluded, however: "Tell—to take the stamp off this envelope for his collection, as I may not write again for some time."

When the stamp was carefully removed from the envelope there was a message underneath which read: "We are starving."

Motorman Leaves \$215,000

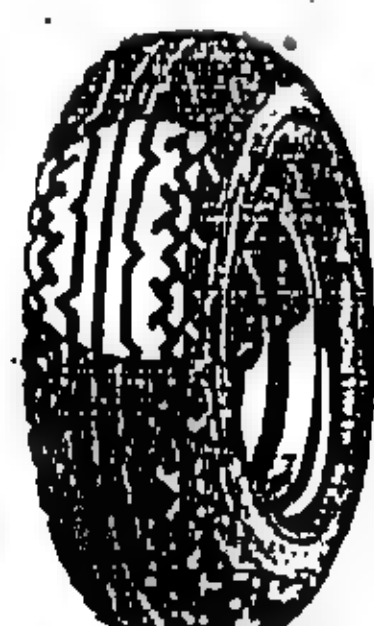
MONTREAL—To all outward evidence, Alvin Bergeron, a Montreal street car motorman, was a man of small means. He went to an occasional movie, lived in a cheap flat and did not dress expensively. Recently Bergeron died. Then came the startling discovery that he had left an estate of \$215,000.



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Applicants should not be under 40 or over 60 years of age, should hold a position of authority, have good organising capabilities, possess tact, be of a genial personality and be capable of taking charge of the department as deputy to the Director. Preference will be given to applicants who have a knowledge of air raid precautions.

Salary will be at the rate of \$750 per annum, and the period of engagement will be for three years, terminable at any time by three months' notice or payment of one month's salary on either side.

The selected candidate must pass an examination for physical fitness which will be held by the Hong Kong Medical Authorities, and his appointment will be provisional pending receipt of covering approval by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

NOTICE

The partnership of Hazeland and Gonella, Civil Engineers, Architects and Surveyors has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

E. M. HAZELAND,
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16th November, 1939.

HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

The Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children will be held in the Helena May Institute on Monday, December 11th at 5.30 p.m.

The Meeting is open to all persons interested in the work of the Society.

ANN CROZIER,
Hon. General Secretary.

WE ARE WINNING COMFORTABLY

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ready for action at a moment's notice. He saw mine-batteries in the muddy fields behind the advance lines, inspected tanks, stores, shells, and pill boxes. One Tommy shouted, "Good old Belshah. When's the war going to start?" Mr. Belshah enjoyed the quips, laughed and joked with the men, inquired into their welfare and explained how they would be able to enjoy Christmas leave provided the enemy did not attack.

General Sir John Dill accompanied Mr. Belshah, and explained the strategic positions and fortifications. Wading ankle deep in the clay slush in the fields, inspecting the anti-aircraft dugouts, Mr. Belshah said, "You still get plenty of mud here."

Mr. Belshah visited some of the men who were having an outdoor dinner. The soldiers were obviously pleased to see the War Minister as a matter of fact, they are always pleased to see any visitor because it breaks the monotony of digging trenches and marching, besides the uncensured watch on the sky for enemy planes.

Christmas Is Topic

The chief topic of the soldier, now, is Christmas. I visited an Army post-office where they handle anything from 6 to 10 million letters during four or five days, in the rush periods. The Chief at the Army field system said, "We are getting out one hundred sorters from the London Central Post-Office. They will be here in khaki within a few days to lend a hand. We also will get additional help from the units here."

The Army has introduced a system of the last war for special envelopes for confidential letters.

The envelopes bear the words: "I certify on my honour that the contents of this letter deals with family and private matters only."

This type of envelope is mostly used by the Tommies for love letters. It is only natural that he will not let himself go when he knows that the Commanding Officer, in the capacity of Censor, will read his letters.

The special envelopes assure that the letter will not be read until it reaches the base, and perhaps not at all. In any case, the officer who read the outpourings of the Tommy's heart will never know the man who wrote the pulsating lines.

RNVR MAN SAVES SINKING STEAMERS

Austrian Revolt Soon

SAYS PRETENDER TO THRONE

ARCHDUKE OTTO, twenty-six-year-old Pretender to the Austrian throne, said at his Paris hotel that German Nazi officials in Vienna are sending their valuable help to the Reich for fear of an Austrian revolt.

"I have positive knowledge," he said, "that Joseph Buerckel, Nazi Commissioner to Austria, and all high Nazis and Gestapo agents, have since the start of the war shipped great quantities of their loot to Germany, although they had established their homes in Austria and obviously intended to live there indefinitely."

"I can also tell you that Hitler has replaced with Reich Germans all Austrians serving in anti-aircraft units defending his famous roost at Berchtesgaden."

"Mind you, he has two full regiments of anti-aircraft gunners there solely for the defence of his person."

Hitler Rages

"Furthermore, since the first day of the war—when an Austrian pilot in the German Air Force was ordered to bomb a Polish town, but instead went over to the Poles—all Austrian pilots have been withdrawn from the German Air Force."

"Hitler flew into one of his rages and ordered every Austrian pilot to be dismissed."

"We have received reports from Austria of the refusal of several Austrian units of the German army to fight the Poles. A Viennese regiment and a Tyrolean regiment refused to fire and were withdrawn and sent back through Czechoslovakia."

"About the second week in September the Germans tried to use Austrian elements against the revolting Czechs. Again they refused to fire."

BIGGEST SHIPPING DISASTER OF WAR

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from one London hospital this afternoon.

"This Abominable Weapon"

PARIS, Nov. 19 (Reuters).—The sinking of the Simon Bolivar has caused a deep impression.

"An intrinsically," says that it gives sinister confirmation of the report that the Germans are despoiling of the efficacy of their torpedoes, and are going to use submarines as mine-layers.

This abominable weapon is forbidden in international law, but the Germans cannot be expected to neglect this form of murder.

Denmark's Anger

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 19 (Reuters).—Great anger is expressed in Denmark at the sinking of the Simon Bolivar.

It was only a week ago that Denmark lost her biggest merchant ship through a German mine in the North Sea.

This was the Canada. Her captain believes that his ship struck a magnetic mine.

The vessel sank in shallow water in direct line of steamship traffic. She has already caused the loss of four merchant ships which collided with the wreckage.

Entitled To Protest

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuters).—The sinking of the Simon Bolivar is clearly a breach of international law.

If it was an anchored mine which broke loose, there was again a breach of the Treaty.

It was an anchored mine, the Hague convention does not apply. Of course Germany might argue that the Convention does not apply in any case since it was not signed by Holland.

But here the customary International Law applies. Neutral passenger or cargo ships may not be sunk by any means whatever.

The British Admiralty informs neutrals of the presence of minefields and only lays those which become harmless on breaking loose.

Indiscriminate laying of mines in the open sea is directly contrary to International Law, concluded Mr. Jennings, but in 1914 the German ship Konigin Luise was sunk while laying mines in the open sea.

INTERNED AS LEAVES FUNERAL

TWO policemen in smart blue muffs waited to intern thirty-five-year-old Frau Jennie Kuntz, housekeeper to Bob Steiner, the gambler, as she returned from his burial to-day.

They waited discreetly round a bend in the leafy Sussex lane where Steiner lived as the funeral party came back from St. Peter's Church, Crawley.

Frau Kuntz did not see them as she stumbled from a car with tearful eyes. But she knew they were there. She had been told she would be allowed only fifteen minutes to say her good-byes.

Punctually the police car came from its hiding-place. Its occupants waited in the garden as the German woman hurriedly collected her belongings in the cottage where two months ago the seventy-nine-year-old sportsman asked her to marry him.

Goodbyes

Then one politely took her bright yellow leather suitcase. She embraced the Hungarian housemaid, patted Michael, Steiner's mongrel terrier and climbed into the car.

For five years Frau Kuntz had looked after Bob Steiner—the man who had once been almost a millionaire—as he fought poverty and ill-health. She had never tired of hearing his racing stories, of how he had won £35,000 on the City and Suburban in 1900.

The tall good-looking woman had said earlier:—

"They were going to take me away this morning. We pleaded with them. I don't want to leave this place, but what can I do?"

"I don't think I care any more now he is dead. Bruce (the dead man's playright son) tried to stop them interning me, but I don't think he can."

Throughout the funeral ceremony Frau Kuntz clutched a posy of red roses tied with black, gold and red ribbon—Steiner's racing colours. She dropped them on the coffin when it had been lowered.

She Was a Pretty Child

TEN-YEAR-OLD Margaret Hayworth, of Hamilton, Ontario, was killed when the Athena was torpedoed. The "world's best" said the Premier of Ontario—"has found Adolf Hitler guilty of her murder." Dr. Richard L. Jenkins, of Warwick, N.Y., an Athenian survivor, wrote this poem—reprinted from the U.S. news magazine Time:—

Well—here is peace; the peace that lasts forever.
The peace of still blue lips and darkened eyes
That stare through half-shut lashes and will never awaken to the glint of aureole skies.
Yes, here is peace, now that the last convulsion
Relaxes, as the heart gives up the strife.
All sense of skill is tainted with repulsion
When skill can only serve to lengthen pain.
Her face is fair. She was a pretty child.
Ten years she grew and budded for to-night.
Ten years of nurture to be reconciled
With darkened eyes reflecting lifeless light.

BELGIUM COULD HOLD OUT

BELGIUM now has enough troops on her northern frontiers to check any German lightning attack via Holland, and independent military experts believe she could hold the "North Belgian line" of the Albert Canal till the Allies reached them.

Men are in the trenches, and on many parts of the Albert Canal machine-guns are in position, and the dykes are ready to be opened to flood the countryside.

Even if Holland fell, this would stop the Germans from reaching the Belgian Channel ports, and would give us a strong northern front.

Belgian soldiers digged themselves in along this area, which, if the Germans invade Belgium, might be the new battlefield of the British Army.

It is flat and sandy. Ideal country for Hitler's tanks—excepting for the Albert Canal.

But over fifty yards wide in many parts, and deep sloping banks give a real width of over 100 yards in several places.

It cuts across Northern Belgium in a line running from the River Meuse to the Scheldt.

The Belgian High Command never forgot that, in 1914, the Germans were halted in the south on the banks of the Yser Canal, unable to force a crossing in face of British and Belgian fire.

Now they have built the Albert Canal to give similar protection in the north.

The canal banks are lined with machine-gun nests and tank gun positions, and behind them Belgian snipers and infantrymen are digging fresh trenches and gun positions.

ON successive days a lieutenant of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve has saved two damaged merchant vessels from sinking.

In one case, working frantically with a small hackaw, he cut through the heavy anchor chain of a ship that was heeling over.

He got the vessel free with only minutes to spare.

A few weeks ago he was working as an ordinary business man, entering the 8.15 every morning to his office.

Formerly he was in the Mercantile Marine.

Now he is back at sea, acting as a boarding officer of the contraband examination service at a Western port.

Deserted Steamer

On the first of the two days he sighted a large steamer in the distance, damaged and filling slowly. The examination steamer made for her at full speed and, climbing on board, the officer found the vessel deserted.

He called for volunteers from his crew and got towing lines across to the damaged ship.

Then they brought her back to be beached at the harbour entrance.

A day later the officer was ordered to the rescue of a large steamer that had struck a mine ten miles away.

He discovered her filling slowly and starting to heel-over.

Survivors were picked up from their boats, and then the lieutenant boarded the vessel.

Anchored Herself

The engine-room was awash to the manoeuvring platform, while the shock of the explosion had caused the ship to anchor herself.

The anchor could not be weighed, so, despite the bad weather, the presence of mines and the increasing list, the officer decided to cut the cable.

The only available instrument was a hackaw, borrowed from a tug.

Working feverishly with this, he and his men sawed through a link and the cable thrashed out through the hawser pipe to the bottom.

Thus took the vessel in tow, and mine-sweepers led the way shorewards for yet another ship to be safely beached.



TO-DAY'S map shows the Caribbean Sea where, declared a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, six German U-boats are now operating. A huge submarine, he said, is acting as mother ship to the others.

"Christ Would Approve War"

JUDGE CAUSES AN UPROAR

BECAUSE of hissing and booing from people in court, a recent sitting of Newcastle conscientious objectors' tribunal was abruptly ended.

The chairman, Judge T. Richardson, had the court cleared and left the bench.

The booing and the clearing of the court occurred after he had said:—

"I am certain, as sure as I sit here, that if Christ appeared to-day he would approve of this war."

When he and his colleagues returned to the bench there was a further outburst from the people who had re-assembled in the court.

Judge Richardson then said that as the people in court had not obeyed his order he would adjourn the court again.

Police will then be there to keep order.

NO FIRST AID

Judge Richardson's remark was made when an objector said, as had several previously, that he would offer assistance to a civilian but would not give first aid to a soldier.

D. P. Parry, of West-terrace, Northallerton, whose name was removed from the register, declared he would do nothing to relieve the sufferings of anyone hurt in an air raid.

He was a member of the Peace Pledge Union and was not willing to take up any work of national importance.

Sir Luke Thompson, a member of the tribunal, said if everyone adopted that attitude Hitler would be here tomorrow.

"Would you mind that?" he asked Parry, who replied, "No."

"ANTI-CHRISTIAN"

Parry said he would not help his brother if he were wearing khaki.

"I have never heard of such a callous, hard-hearted and thoroughly anti-Christian doctrine as put forward by some of these objectors," said Judge Richardson, "and you seem about the most selfish of any we have heard."

George Herbert Boddy, of St. James Farm, Pickering, Yorkshire, when asked what he would do if Hitler came to this country, said, "Hitler will never come here and oppress us. His time is too short."

Judge Richardson: How do you know?—From the Scriptures. It is his destiny to do this.

Boddy was registered conditionally on his remaining in his occupation as a farm worker.

RATHER AGGRESSION

Albert Harbottle, of Ponteland, near Newcastle, asked unconditional exemption on religious and pacifist grounds.

He said he did not feel called on to do non-combatant service.

Judge Richardson: Then have you no sympathy with the oppressed and persecuted Poles and Czechs, Jews and other races?

"I have every sympathy with them," was the reply, "but I am not prepared for millions of others to be murdered to help them."

"I would willingly see them rescued, but not if it meant mass murder and bloodshed."

"I would rather see them left in the hands of the aggressor."

Harbottle was registered without qualification.

Sabbath Bomb Practice

Air Ministry Withdraws Ban

In view of urgent training requirements, the Air Ministry has found it necessary to withdraw the restrictions hitherto imposed on the use of certain air-gunnery and bombing ranges, particularly on Sundays and public holidays. An official statement says:—

"In imposing these restrictions, the Department was actuated by a desire to interfere as little as possible with the amenities of the neighbourhoods concerned, and in particular by recognition of the fact that the use of these ranges on Sundays would be unwelcome to a number of local residents."

"The outbreak of war has inevitably changed the position and the Department is compelled to authorise the daily use of these ranges. Letters are being sent to the local authorities and others concerned, but this notice is issued as it will be necessary to make the change forthwith."

POST OFFICE

A revised edition of the Hongkong Post Office Guide is on sale at all Post Offices price \$1.00.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

Christmas and New Year Cards, bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces, for all countries.

Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day when mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

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Cebu and Manila Nov. 21.
Formosa Nov. 21.
Japan Nov. 21.
Shanghai Nov. 21.
Straits Nov. 21.
Java and Manila Nov. 21.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 15th November

Singapore Nov. 22.
Shanghai Nov. 22.
Haiphong and Hanoi Nov. 23.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 15th November Nov. 23.
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Haliphong 1 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hanoi 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa 2.30 p.m.
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Why Baltic States Are Feeling Pressure SOVIET INLAND IS SEEKING RUSSIAN 'SEA'

LONDON.—Conversion of the Baltic Sea into a Russian lake from the East Prussian-Lithuanian border northwards, together with a benevolent neutrality over the Gulf of Bothnia appears to be the newest result of the Soviet-German Pact and Germany's preoccupation with the Western Front.

This is clearly the only interpretation explaining the visits of representatives of Estonia, Latvia, Finland, and Lithuania to Moscow. All of them have gone in a similar way as the Lithuanian Foreign Minister went to Berlin before the handing over of Memel to Germany. The only result can be that Moscow will dominate the whole Baltic area it had in 1914.

The Soviets are certainly pursuing exactly the policy which one could have imagined. Coastal Russia following. One of their first steps appears to have been the acquisition of an ice-free port on the Baltic at Libau, enabling Russia to develop a Baltic fleet and mercantile marine.

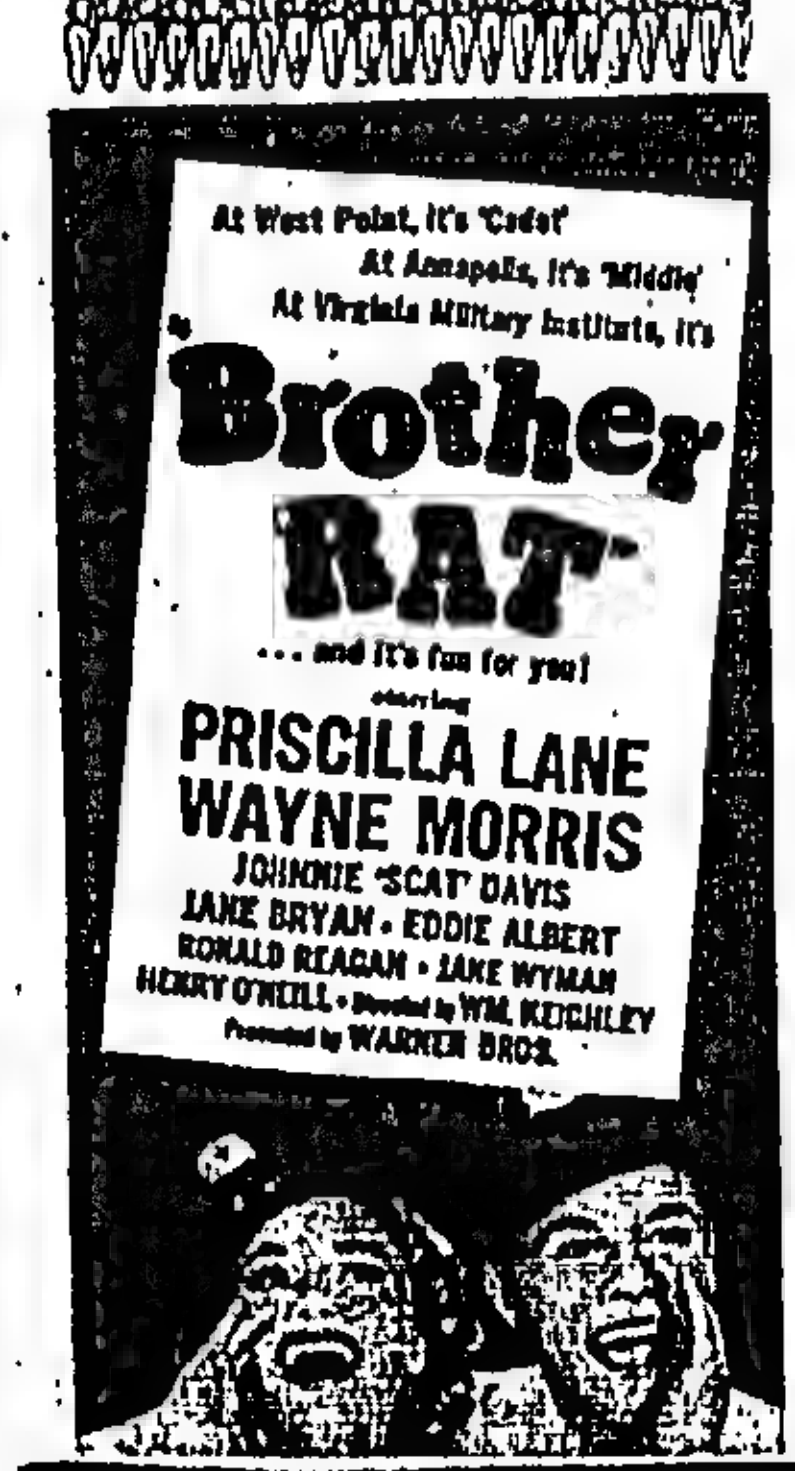
Russia has already used Estonia to establish naval bases and air fields. Lithuania is sending its Foreign Minister to Moscow. The Soviets presumably have no special demands on that country since it has no possible sites for naval bases and only a very short coastline. But it has a common frontier with Russia, and it is probable that its new Russian protector will expect that Lithuania, like the other Baltic countries, will establish a Soviet system of Government. In return Lithuania appears to hope for the return of Vilna which Poland took from it and which is now part of Russian Poland. This would be a small sacrifice for securing Lithuania as an outpost against Germany.

Germany's Impotent Consent

In this connection it is hard to believe that Russia's present actions in the Baltic are done with Germany's consent, except such consent as an impotent partner must always give. Examination of the map will show too how dangerous Russia can be to Germany's Baltic connections with Scandinavia, especially with Sweden, which are all important just now since the Reich is drawing from there most of its supplies of iron ore, now that overseas sources are closed to it. Finland is also hurrying to make its peace with Moscow. But whether it be to-day or next week there is no doubt but that its position is such that this action must be taken sooner or later.

KING'S NEXT CHANGE

LET OTHER ARMIES WIN THE BATTLES... THIS GANG WANTS TO WIN THE HEARTS!



CATHEDRAL SANDBAGS

Protection For Canterbury

CANTERBURY.—Danger of bombing raids has turned twelfth century Canterbury Cathedral into a busy workshop to protect the edifice in event of air raids.

A five-ton truck grunts methodically through the great west door, dumping loads of earth in front of the pulpit.

A two-foot gauge rail track mounted on rough wooden ties winds up the sanctuary steps, runs through the choir and terminates at the high altar.

Dynamos, humming busily where the Lectern normally stands, send a rail truck grinding through the church.

Labourers dump the earth, shovel it into sandbags, and send the truck back for more.

Carpenters toil at work benches that formerly were choir stalls.

Sand bags stand in place of the Bishop's throne.

Harassed Cathedral canons watch workmen root out priced centuries-old ornaments, crate them in boxes and haul them to secret hiding places.

A mound of sand bags hides the tomb of Thomas a Becket, twelfth century Churchman.

What few services there are now are held in the dim crypt. The vaulted arches are backed up with double walls of wood filled with loose earth.

Pale blue lights give the only illumination for carpenters whose workshop is a bow-shaped side chapel.

'Blackout' Fatalities

LONDON.—Police disclosed to-day that there were nearly five times as many fatalities in London traffic accidents during the first 10 days of the "blackout" as during the previous 10 days.

In the first 10 days of September, 38 persons were killed and 975 injured, compared with eight killed and 316 injured the last 10 days of August.

PICCADILLY BOMBS

Irish Terrorists At Work Again

The first bomb outrages since the institution of the black-outs occurred in the Piccadilly area to-day when four bombs, attributed to Irish terrorists, exploded at intervals. No injuries are reported and there was no panic although thousands of theatre-goers rushed to the scene.

The show windows of several Piccadilly shops were blown out and the sound of the explosions was

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

UNDER the slogan "Less study and more work," German women students are told that they must register for employment on the land.

"Professional attainments are not the main requirement," it now says, the order on the subject issued by the Education Ministry.

GERMAN women have another cause for grumbling. Food rationing is bad enough, with professional people's rations fixed at starvation levels.

But the rationing of silk stockings, both natural and artificial, is equally severe. It is threatening, as a wit put it, "to make the ladder the badge of the Nazi woman instead of the Swastika."

THE different grades of rations are having an curious effect. They are driving scores of black-coated Germans into a search for heavy manual labour.

The reason? Only the manual labourer's grade of rations comes near to the amount of food on which a normal human being can exist.

THE ordinary man's distrust of the authorities is increased by the shortness of commodities which had been officially declared to be plentiful.

Thus, it had been given out that there were huge stocks of potatoes in the country. Yet the price has been increased by 15 per cent.

PARTLY such shortages have been due to Germany's anxiety to maintain her exports. For this reason, it is explained, no improvement in road transport is to be expected.

To Hungary alone German manufacturers must deliver 15,000 motor-cars before next April 1, and the authorities insist on the fulfilment of this and other such obligations.

HIP and haw tea was recommended as an excellent substitute for real tea by the German radio yesterday in a talk to German housewives.

The talk urged the collection of hips and haws, now ripe in the hedgerows. It explained that they contain more vitamin C than black-currants or oranges, and can be used for "delicious jams, soups, sauces and tea."

ONE last piece of irony. Despite their meagre rations, Germans still have to consume their one-dish dinners on Sundays.

The money saved will be collected, as before, and go to the Winter Help Fund—for the starving.

mingled with the shrieks of hysterical women. Two other bombs were rendered harmless before they exploded.—United Press.

CHUNGSHAN FIGHTING

Chinese troops have taken to the rivers and creeks of the Chungshan district in their relentless guerrilla activity against the Japanese.

RAGGED GUARD OF HUNGARY DISCOMFITING THE NAZIS

Interest in Budapest has turned to the Ragged Guard, or Ragged Guard, an organisation of volunteer guerrilla fighters who have lately been becoming more and more open in their attacks on the Nazis. The Guard is for the most part non-political, but it possesses a weekly newspaper, and many of the large Hungarian dailies have been glad to give it the widest possible publicity.

The origins of the Guard go back to 1938, when a group of ex-soldiers, given some assistance by the Hungarian and Italian Governments, occupied the western strip of Hungary about Sopron (Odenburg), which under the Treaty of St. Germain had been ceded to Austria. They drove out the Austrian gendarmes, and by their virtual military occupation of the area forced the Allied Powers to sponsor a plebiscite which brought the Sopron district back to Hungary. This feat made the name of the Ragged Guard heroic in Hungarian ears, and their sworn devotion to Admiral Horthy, Hungary's devoted Regent—whom they look upon as their spiritual leader—has added to their stature in the eyes of the Hungarian public.

Twice Disbanded

After the success of the plebiscite the Guard disbanded, and remained inactive until September of 1938, when Eugene Hejjas, a brother of one of the leaders of the 1920 organisation, called the old members and many of their sons and relatives together to go on active service against Czechoslovakia. They formed guerrilla bands which harassed the Czech soldiery in the Carpathian mountain forests, bore the brunt of the border fighting which occurred at Munkacs in January, and they fought the Sixth Guards' war against the storm-troopers of the short-lived autonomous Carpatho-Ukrainian State. There were at one time more than 500 of them in Czech prisons, but most of these either were exchanged for Czech prisoners in Hungary or managed to escape to Poland or to their native land during the storm of last March.

When Hungary seized Ruthenia the work of the Guard was thought to be over, and after paying homage to the Regent they disbanded once more—but not before announcing that they were ready to be called forth again if the interests of their Fatherland demanded it.

Until the time of this disbanding there were many Nazis in the Ragged Guard, and many Ragged Guards in the Nazi Party, but it was noticed that when the Guards returned from Ruthenia a distinct coolness had sprung up between their leaders and the Nazis. The Guards complained that the training and the arming of the anti-Hungarian Sitch Guards, the violent anti-Magyar propaganda, and much of the oppression of the Hungarian minority in Ruthenia were organised and directed by the German advisers to the Carpatho-Ukrainian Government. The Ragged Guards, during their months of guerrilla warfare, had had an excellent opportunity to discover the true state of affairs in Ruthenia, and what they learned led them to distrust their Hungarian allies, who were violently pro-German.

Nazi "Cowardice"

This disillusionment was expressed mostly in the form of private complaints until a recent question-hour in Parliament, when Nazi Deputies accused the Government of helping to organise a legion of Ragged Guards in Poland, who were to be ready to help Poland against Germany. The Government contented themselves with vehemently denying the accusation, but the Ragged Guards launched a series of attacks against the Nazi Deputies. They stoutly accused Kuhnau Hubay, leader of the Nazis, of cowardice, saying that he and many of his followers who had come to help the Ragged Guard against the Czechs had remained only a few days and had fled when the first faint sounds of gunfire reached their ears.

The Ragged Guard as a whole is still disbanded, but a skeleton staff remains on duty whose task it is to keep the men prepared for a speedy mobilisation. The exact number of Ragged Guards is not known, but it runs into many thousands, with new recruits joining daily. The members are chiefly tough young peasants who are trained fighters in addition to being naturally pugnacious—they say, many of them, that they prefer action to the noisy debate of the Nazis.

Chase In City Area

A smart capture by Police Sergeant J. Hunter ended a police chase in the city just before 6 o'clock yesterday evening.

A Chinese was seen by watchmen climbing down from a roof of Prince's Building, carrying a basket of insulated wire. He was chased down into Queen's Road, where the police alarm was given.

The Chinese ran down Lee House Street to the Praya and turned back up Pedder Street. Sergeant Hunter, who had run along Chater Road, intercepted the fugitive in Pedder Street and arrested him.

Unified Air Command

London, Nov. 10. Reuter's correspondent with the B.E.F. in France writes that the appointment of a British officer to unified air command with a status similar to that of General Gamelin, the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Staff Supreme War Council meeting. The correspondent understands that the announcement only awaits on the decision of the best man for the job.—Reuter.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued Saturday says: Perhaps the morning's trading is best described by stating the day is Saturday and a half day as regards business.

Buyers	
Telephone (Old)	\$20½
Sellers	
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$19½
Manila Gold Shares	
Antamoks	15 s
Atoks	18 s
Bagulo Gold	14½ s
Batong Buhay	0095 s
Benguet Consol.	11.20 s
Bliz Wedge	21 s
Cons. Mines	07½ s
Demonstrations	07½ s
I. X. L.	38 s
Ipo Gold	16 s
Ilogons	23 s
Minsate Con.	09½ s
Mind. Motherlode	07½ s
Mine Operations	00½ s
North Camrines	14 s
Paracale Gurnas	17 s
San Maurelio	75 s
Surigao Con.	10½ s
Suyoc Con.	12½ s
Syndicate Inv.	01½ s
United Paracale	31½ s

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1880. Amateur Dramatic Club. Grand Christmas Pantomime. All Baba and the Forty Thieves. Opium Market. New Malwa, per picul \$570 (Allowance, Tails 32) Old Malwa, per picul \$580 to 600 (Allowance, Tails 32) New Patna, per chest \$547½ (without choice) New Patna, per chest \$520 (first choice) New Patna, per chest \$500 (bottom).

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1914. The Admiralty publishes H.M.S. Glasgow's report of the Chilean coast battle, from which it appears that the enemy was sighted at a distance of twelve miles. The Good Hope signalled to the Canopus that she was going to attack with the Monmouth, the Glasgow and the Otranto. Five minutes after sunset, when the English ships were silhouetted against the after-glow, the enemy opened fire at twelve thousand yards. The growing darkness and the heavy sea made the firing difficult. When the Good Hope and the Monmouth had apparently sunk, the Glasgow escaped in order to avoid destruction.

The Prince of Wales has been gazetted Aide-de-Camp to Field-Marshal Sir John French.

There is great difference of opinion as to how long the war will last, and as to this, of course, it is difficult and unwise to prophesy, but it looks to us at present as if the war was only beginning, six months hence it might be possible to say how long it will last.

London is expecting an air raid by the Germans, and is fully prepared for the same. At night the streets are differently and searchlights are placed at different advantageous points, and no doubt any attempt to raid London will meet with a warm reception.

We have been informed by Mr. Raymond, the secretary of the local Stock-brokers' Association, that the Hongkong Stock Exchange will re-open on Monday next for transactions in Local and London stocks. The Exchange has been closed since August 1.

The German cruisers Scheernhorst and Gneisenau entered Apia Harbour. The New Zealanders manned the guns and expected a bombardment, but an offensive move did not occur. The cruisers stayed an hour and left for Papeete.

10 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1929. Soviet terroristic enterprises in Manchuria are apparently being stepped up on an enormous scale and the situation is serious, heavy damage having been done to the Chinese Eastern Railway.

An official communique, enabled from Mukden by Reuter this morning, states that the Russians launched an offensive at 1.00 am on Sunday, the main attack being directed at Manchukuo, which was subjected to a bombardment lasting ten hours.

A display of the amazing powers of the Carden-Lloyd Light Armoured vehicle—a species of Whippet tank—was given at Kewton Hill, Bute, this morning before a gathering which included the G.O.C. (Major General J. W. Sandilands), the Inspector-General of Police, and many staff officers and Chinese representatives.

The baby tank is capable of astounding feats, such as climbing the almost sheer walls of a ditch, or moving down barbed wire, and scaling the sides of steep hills.

All of the onlookers were delighted at the performance, the Inspector-General being very enthusiastic regarding its suitability for local conditions.

5 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1934. The French War Department to-day makes the startling statement that

Invited To Remain

Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow Of Hongkong Union Church

To discuss the pastorate, an extraordinary meeting of the members and adherents of the Union Church, Kennedy Road, was held after the morning service yesterday. Mr. A. McKellar presided, with Mr. E. Hamsworth, the Hon. Secretary. The meeting was well attended.

Mr. McKellar said the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow's first year's term with the Church would expire in October 1940, and in the ordinary course he and Mrs. Dow would be due to go on Home leave in March 1940. He felt he was voicing the opinion of all present in saying that Mr. Mackenzie Dow would be encouraged to hear that his services to the Church were fully appreciated. This was the Reverend's first ministry and, like most or all of them, he had had to carry out his duties in most trying conditions not only in Hongkong but throughout the world.

Mr. McKellar said he was happy that the Church was a very important one in the religious life of Hongkong and then went on to propose the resolution that the members of the Church extend a most cordial invitation to the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow to be the Minister of the Church for a further period of four years after the termination of his present term of Office.

Mr. T. S. Whyte seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Replying to a question, Mr. McKellar said the next term would be from November 1940.

Germany, in 1936, will have organised a mighty army and will have built up an aircraft force more powerful war organisation than she had in 1914.

The German Air Force would be able to quickly and easily restore vigour to a weak body, improve blood, failing memory, and who are old and worn-out before their time will be delighted to learn of a new and powerful discovery by an American Doctor.

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The French War Department states, too, that the new Kewton Hill tank, speeding up their manufacture of guns and that the explosives factories are increasing their output.

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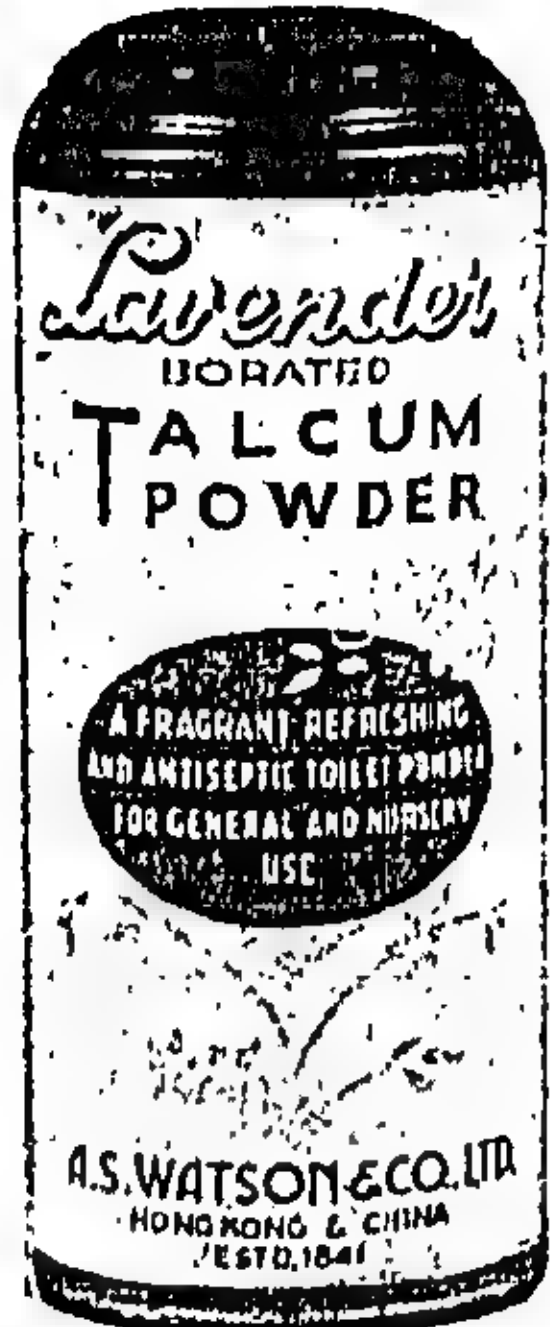
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- HEAR Lawrence Tibbett Sing, Erl Tu. "Ballin in Maschera" Largo al Factotum "Barber of Seville" (D.B. 1478)
- HEAR Paderewski Play His Own Minuet Moonlight Sonata, "Beethoven" (D.B. 3123-3124)
- HEAR The Unfinished Symphony. "Schubert" played by The Vienna Symphony Orch., under Bruno Walter. (D.B. 8187 to 8190)
- HEAR Lily Pons sing "Una voce pogo fa" Barber of Seville. (D.B. 2501)
- HEAR The New York Symphony Orch. under Arturo Toscanini play Lohengrin, Prelude to Act 1. (D.B. 2904)
- HEAR Yehudi Menuhin play Hungarian Dance No. 8, Brahms Romanza Andulzulo, Sarasate. (D.B. 2413)

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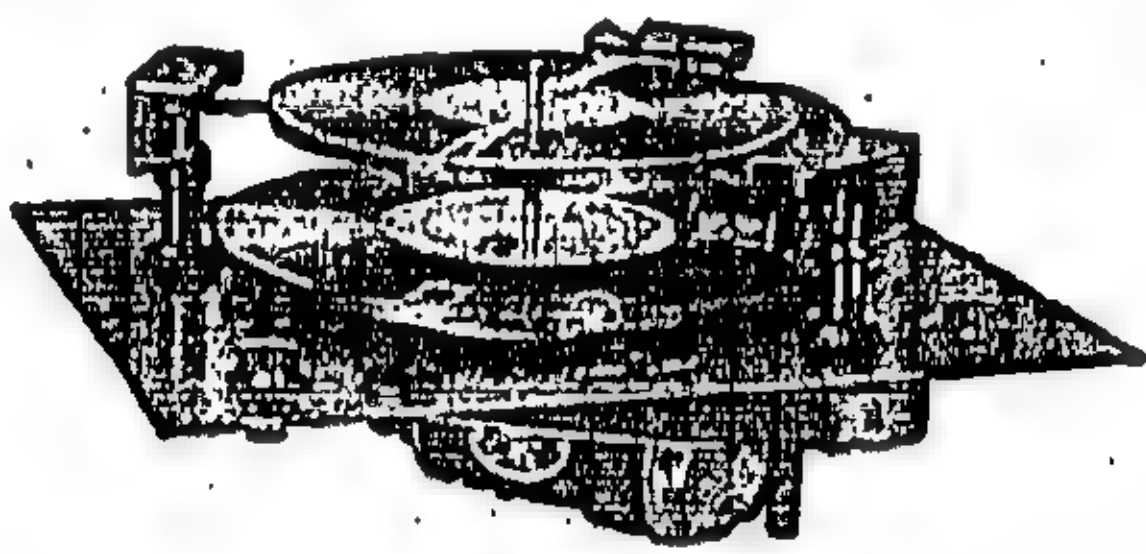
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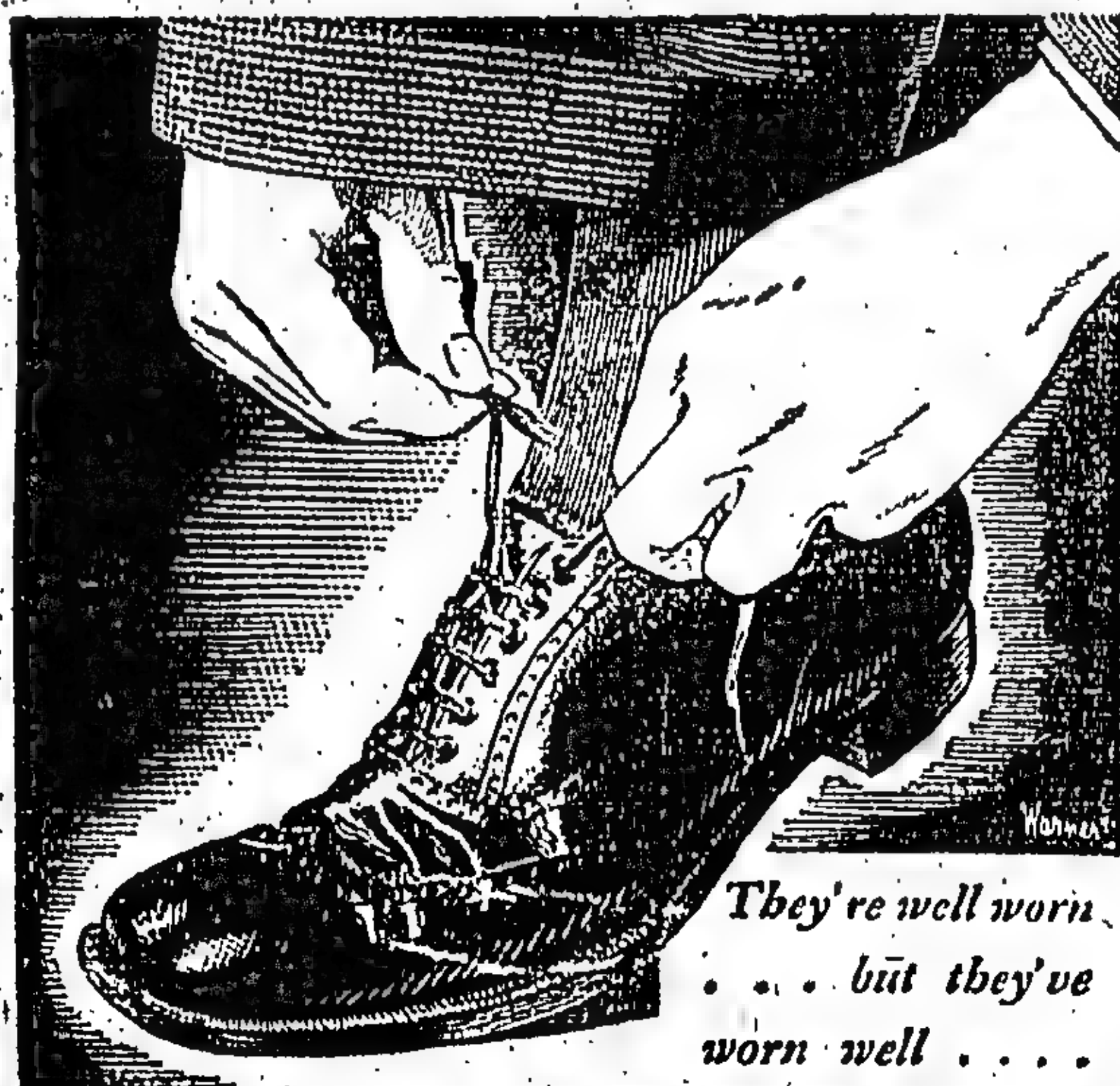
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Imponderables

In times of crisis the materially-minded thinker usually assumes the role of a realist and, in attempting to be prophetic, endeavours to balance ascertainable facts. He predicts success for that side on which he finds the weightiest arguments. Armaments, success in diplomatic exchanges, the disposition of forces, racial solidarity, and geographical advantages are the weights in his scales. In following this method, however, he can no more prophesy the actual course of events than a speculator with his books of statistics and charts can surely predict the course of the market.

The result is that calculations quickly become subordinated to wishful thinking. Men form their opinions according to their habitual point of view. For this reason it is well not to accept as conclusive arguments based on these supposed determining factors, but to turn one's thought more to those imponderables which in the long run have more influence than "realism" will admit. Foremost among these comes the actual state of mind of the peoples concerned. The vast majority are wholly opposed to use of force as a means of settling international disputes. There can be no room for doubt on this score.

What of the rulers themselves? Do they believe that by forcing a situation fraught with so much evil they can establish a new set of laws of their own and thrust aside the statutes upon which the order of universe is poised, statutes of which it has been written that "they stand fast for ever and ever and are done in truth and uprightness?"

To desist from the use of force as a means of getting one's own way, which preponderating strength has seemed to assure, may be a hard thing for human pride to swallow, but it may be still harder to disregard the very influential and cogent appeals for peace made in the last few days.

The greatest of all the imponderables, however, is the question of morale, wherever conscience makes either cowards or heroes of us all. However inviting to the bully may be the prospect afforded by a timid and ineffectual opposition, the situation is completely altered when firmness and courage show clearly that supposedly superior force is not to be allowed to have things all its own way.

Such imponderables are crystallising and detaching themselves from the chaotic vapours that taint the air.



THE RUSSIAN QUESTION MARK

Storm Centre
in the West

JUST over four years ago Saarland miners and steel workers shook hands with their friends from France who were going back home over the Lorraine border because, as a result of the Plebiscite, the Saar was returning to the German Reich.

They smiled at each other, clapped each other on the shoulder and said: "We will meet again at holiday times. It is not good-bye."

To-day these same men are divided by the guns and shells that spatter death along the Siegfried Line.

But they never wanted it to happen. The Saarlanders and the French understood each other perfectly.

When the plebiscite was being taken on that freezing January day in 1935 I sat in a cafe in Saarbrücken with a German and a Frenchman, watching the snow swirling down outside.

★ ★
NAZI Brownshirts swaggered on the snowy pavements, hustling timid men and women towards the Nazi headquarters to listen to a wireless talk about the greatness of Adolf Hitler.

The German, a steelworker who was a Saarlander by birth, thumped the table with his clenched fist and said to us: "We will teach these upstarts a lesson soon. They have no manners. Who made them think that every German wanted to be a Nazi?"

The Frenchman slipped his wine and shrugged his shoulders. "You will learn that all Germans must be Nazis," he said, as though speaking to a child.

The Saarlander grumbled that we were making a mistake, for the people of the Saar were Socialists and did not approve of the Nazi methods or creed.

★ ★

THE world knows how the Saarlanders went to the poll next day, and put crosses on their voting papers giving the Saar to Hitler.

Since then they have learnt what it means to be Germans under Nazi rule.

Now the guns are booming in Saarland, where normally a million decent, hard-working miners, steel and iron workers, glass and brewery workers live—folk who have no quarrel with the French or any other people.

Those people remember what happened four and a half years ago, when they said "Yes" to the Nazi wooer.

Miners who said openly they did not like the Nazis were told to go and vote—"or else ..."

Workers in heavy industries who appeared reluctant, were told they would be expected to "vote right," and that a Nazi agent would call to take them to the polling station.

On Thursday, January 17, 1935, I wrote in a dispatch to the Daily Herald:

"Outbreaks of Nazi terrorism were reported from many parts of the Saar territory to-day.

"I went to-day to the mining town of Dudweiler, where I was taken by an official of the mines to see 40 families who have left their homes and have been given temporary shelter in a big workmen's hut.

"So pitiful was the sight of the children crying for food, that a Swiss

The French Army is digging its heels into the Saar, that rich industrial area which, four years after voting its return to the Reich, finds itself the centre of the Western Front activity. Here

MARY FERGUSON who mixed freely with the Saarlanders during the 1935 plebiscite, tells us about these people who, until 1935, were workmates of the Frenchmen they are now fighting.

An American, another English journalist and I collected some money between us and gave it to the women to buy milk for their children."

★ ★

AFTER writing that report I went to Saargemund. "Every train from Saarbrücken is filled with emigres—people who are fleeing from their homes because they have spoken in free criticism of what the Nazis are doing," I wrote.

Among other facts about the brutality of the Nazis to Socialist Saarlanders that I learnt were these:—

At Saarlouis acid was thrown on the face of a man because he was an ardent trade unionist. Socialist leaders in the Saar were told, two days after the plebiscite was taken, that there was no hope of clemency for them.

M. Etienne, one of the Socialist leaders in Neunkirchen, approached the representative of Herr Buerckel, Hitler's Commissioner for the Saar, and tried to get from him a declaration that Socialists in Neunkirchen would not be terrorised.

Herr Buerckel's representative said that this was impossible; that they would follow the example of Germany.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"The Old road was only wide enough for two cars, but this new highway can accommodate four smash-ups and room to spare."

SAILORS
DON'T LIKE
SWIMMING

"It is surprising how few sailors can swim," said one of the Courageous survivors in the Daily Express.

Certainly the Navy don't do very well in inter-service swimming sports. From 1924-1937 the Navy won three times, the Army won eight times, they dead-heated once, and the R.A.F. won twice.

The explanation is largely that the Navy is too scattered to develop teams of specialists. But it is a fact that sailors rather despise swimming; yet they like rowing, off-duty.

The psychologist explains this apparent contradiction as follows: "Subconsciously the sailor must be frightened of the sea. It is a hostile thing which he is always fighting. Therefore he must strive to remain master of it.

"To concede that the ought to learn to swim would be to concede the possibility of a situation arising in which he would be at the sea's mercy. On the other hand rowing a boat in his spare time strengthens his feeling of mastery."

This sounds a bit far-fetched, but remember we are dealing with the subconscious mind.

The Admiralty's attitude is that a man who can't swim is a potential danger not only to himself but to others. So nowadays every would-be sailor must pass a swimming test in clothes before he is allowed to go to sea. The test includes floating in clothes for five minutes, and is conducted in fresh water to make it more difficult.

Freud's Son
Heads Legion
Of Freedom

IN a house in Westbourne Terrace, Bayswater, in a room furnished only with a large-scale map of dead Austria, meet a group of people pledged to resurrect their country from the annihilation she has suffered at the hands of Hitler.

Headed by the eldest son of Professor Sigmund Freud, the great psychologist who died recently, they are enthralling picked men to form an Austrian Legion.

"There are some thousands of us Austrians in Britain, all refugees," said Mr. Freud. "I served for four years in the Great War, first as a volunteer, later as a commissioned officer, and many of us have fought against Britons in the past. This time we want to fight with them."

"We are not willing to see you go and fight against our destroyer and stay here eating your food protected by your arms and snatch what we can get in the way of jobs, careers or money."

"We wish to fight not only for the freedom of Austria but the freedom of the world. Only when Germany—Nazi Germany—is broken can we Austrians build a new Austria."

"RADIO REVIEW" EXEMPT

A notice in the Government Gazette on Saturday exempts the Hongkong Radio Review from the provisions of the Printers and Publishers Ordinance. The Radio Review, which made its first appearance on November 11, is sponsored by the Postmaster General.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Submarine Seen Off Japan

TOKYO, Nov. 19 (Domei).—The submarine of "a certain country" was sighted 20 miles off the southern tip of Wakayama Prefecture early on Friday morning.

According to the "Yomiuri Shimbun," Captain Hiroshi Shimohara, of the N.Y.K. liner Kikijima, reported to the Yokohama port authorities that he had sighted the large submarine when on his way to Yokohama from Kobe via Nagoya.

German Raider Is Identified

London, Nov. 19.

Stories of the crew of the Africa Shell (not the Scala Shell as previously reported) leave little doubt that the tanker was sunk by a German warship, possibly one of the pocket-battleships at large.—*Reuter*.

Identified By Picture

Laurence Marques, Nov. 17.

Members of the crew of the tanker Africa Shell have picked out a photograph of the Nazi pocket-battleship Admiral von Scheer as the warship which sank the vessel.—*Reuter*.

Heavily Armed

Laurence Marques, Nov. 19.

The crew of the Africa Shell estimates that the German raider came up at a speed of 26 knots an hour. Her colour was battleship grey. She was heavily armed, carried triple gun turrets, at least two seaplanes and a crew of 700.—*Reuter*.

Running Blockade

Lobito, West Africa, Nov. 19.

Two big German liners, the Windhuk and the Adolph Woermann, sailed from here unobtrusively yesterday for an unknown destination. They had been off Portuguese West Africa since the outbreak of war.—*Reuter*.

Two Provision Ships

London, Nov. 19.

One reason for the departure of two German ships from Lobito, it is suggested, is that they have gone to meet and provision the German raider which sank the Africa Shell in Portuguese waters on the other side of Africa.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

NEW I. R. A. OUTRAGE

Four Bombs Explode In Piccadilly

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Nov. 18 (UP).—The first bomb outrage since the institution of the wartime blackouts occurred in the Piccadilly area to-day.

Four bombs attributed to Irish terrorists, exploded at intervals. No injuries are reported and there was no panic although thousands of theatre-goers rushed to the scene.

The show windows of several Piccadilly shops were blown out and the sound of the explosions was mingled with the shrieks of hysterical women.

Two additional bombs were rendered harmless before they could explode.

50,000 CZECHS ARRESTED

PARIS, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Fifty thousand arrests have been made in Bohemia and Moravia since Friday, according to a despatch from the Austrian frontier.

It is reported that the arrests included "certain political personages."

Neutrals Horrified

LONDON, Nov. 19 (British Wireless).—Such extracts from neutral Press relating to Nazi action in Czechoslovakia in the last few days as have so far reached London indicate that the extreme severity of the measures reported to have been taken to repress expressions of nationalist sentiment and popular discontent has incurred the disapproval of neutral observers.

The Netherlands newspaper "Mansbude" argues that brutal measures never have "practical results, while the Danish "politiken" finds it surprising that a regime which has built itself up on a thesis of the strength of national bond should underestimate the strength of national feeling in another case.

QUIET DAY AT THE FRONT

PARIS, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day states that it was a quiet day at the front.

There was local artillery action, however.

UNREST CAUSED IN NAZI PROTECTORATES

Martial Law Follows Rioting in Prague: President's Appeal

There is considerable unrest in the German Protectorates where Czech, Austrian and Polish subjects are rioting against Nazi rule and have drawn on themselves wholesale arrests and a number of death penalties.

Sabotage is said to be occurring. The chief promoters of the revolt are Czech students who have been distributed among concentration camps while the universities have been closed.

M. Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovakian Minister who has secret communication with his oppressed countrymen, states that this is not a big or organised revolt which, he indicates will come later.

The President, however, in a broadcast surprised his listeners by asking them to avoid bloodshed and not cause disturbances.

The German Press has again attacked Belgium for her alleged co-operation with Britain in expediting vessels passing through the blockade. An article states that such co-operation is unneutral and the German navy will take action to defeat this and other partial acts by small States.

Prague, Nov. 17.

It is officially announced that nine students have been executed and many arrested in demonstrations, following the action of armed German storm troops and Gestapo officials who are occupying the Czech University and high school student house as an aftermath of the "freedom" demonstrations.

The Czech Universities will be closed for three months "due to acts of resistance."

The semi-official news agency said the measures were taken because a number of students attacked the Germans.

"Groups of Czech intellectuals in contact with former President Benes have been attempting to break peace and order. The hangers-on have been found particularly in the Czech institutions of higher learning."

Twelve hundred students are under arrest since the repression of the universities. Originally 2,000 were placed in custody but 800 were released.

Another Storm Troop unit arrived this afternoon bringing the total Storm Troops in Prague to about 10,000 in three units, the Deutschland, Germania and Der Fuehrer.

Informed circles expect an extension of new and severe methods in other spheres of Czech life. The business district is like a dead city since the official announcement of executions and arrests. Czechs are staying at home as much as possible.—*United Press*.

Dr. Hacha "III"

London, Nov. 17.

The Voelkischer Beobachter, official organ of the Nazi Party, says that Dr. Hacha, President of Czechoslovakia under the Protectorate, is ill.

"Dr. Hacha's convalescence," says the Nazi newspaper, "is likely to be a long one."

Actually reliable reports from Prague indicate, Dr. Hacha has been arrested by the Nazis.—*Reuter*.

No Great Revolt Yet

London, Nov. 18.

Claiming that he had been receiving regular news from Czechoslovakia through secret sources, M. Jan Masaryk, former Czechoslovakian Minister to London said, "There has been no great revolt against Nazi aggression—yet. It would be premature and stupid to present, but the time will come later. The Nazis are at present following a systematic plan of de-nationalisation and economic ruin against my people, but they will fail."

M. Masaryk said M. Hacha is confined to a village in Bohemia. The Protectorate as a whole could aptly be described as Hitler's biggest concentration camp.—*Reuter*.

Martial Law Declared

Prague, Nov. 18.

The Protectorate Government has declared martial law in Prague, Kladno, Bernau and Horschowitz districts of Bohemia and Moravia. The measure does not apply to German citizens.

The declaration followed the announcement that three Czechs, including two politicians, had been shot for attacking Germans.

The Nazi Ministry of Propaganda says that President Hacha has been arrested by radio to the Czech people to maintain "peace and order," speaking from Hradecny Castle.—*United Press*.

No Telephone Communication

Nov. 18.

Prague is telephonically cut off from the outside world.

Unconfirmed reports state there have been disturbances in the Skoda works and that the trouble has spread to parts of Poland.—*Reuter*.

Appeal For Peace

London, Nov. 19.

Unrest continues in Czechoslovakia, where martial law has been declared in Prague and three other cities.

President Hacha's broadcast last night warning Czechs against resisting German and advising them, to submit, caused consternation among Czech hoarders.

Dr. Hacha spoke in a voice of deep emotion.

Three more persons were executed, bringing the number in the last 48 hours to 12.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

50,000 People Arrested

Paris, Nov. 19.

Some 50,000 arrests have been made in Bohemia and Moravia since Friday, according to a despatch from the Austrian frontier.

Armed S.S. men raided the Svehla and Masaryk Colleges at dawn and took numerous students to the Buchenwald concentration camp.

Later the troops entered the medical and law sections of the Polytechnic Institute and arrested all the students and professors.

"Certain political personages" are also reported to have been arrested.—*Reuter*.

Yugo-Slovan Scenes

Belgrade, Nov. 19.

Students staged a protest against the execution of Czech students and the police guards were placed round the German Legation.—*Reuter*.

NEW AREA PROHIBITED

Iron Or Steel Vessels In Tathong Channel

As from to-day, according to a Naval advice, all small craft (including lighters) constructed of iron or steel, and wooden craft, if loaded with iron or steel, are prohibited from proceeding south of the anti-submarine boom or north of a line drawn across the entrance to the Tathong Channel from Cape D'Aguilar towards the South Nine Pin Island in a direction 000°, with-out special permission.

Any of the above craft wishing to use this portion of the Tathong Channel should apply for permission to the Naval Authorities.

Hitler's Manifesto To Nazi Farmers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Nov. 18 (UP).—Herr Hitler has issued a manifesto to the German peasants, saying:

"The harvest work this year is now finished.

"The seed for the coming year is already in the ground, despite unfavourable weather and shortage of manpower.

"The German people thank their farmers for this great work, which is of decisive importance in this fight which has been forced upon us."

CZECH, POLISH LEADERS MEET

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Dr. Edouard Benes, the former Czech Premier, and General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, had a long interview at the Polish Embassy to-day.

General Sikorski afterwards said that there was common decision to repair the damage done to their countries.

FRENCH NAVY'S SUCCESSES

PARIS, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—A French communique states that during the last four weeks of the war, the tonnage of German merchantmen captured on the high seas by French patrols exceeded by several thousand tons the tonnage of French merchantmen lost through enemy action.

Nazi Train Disaster

BERLIN, Nov. 19 (UP).—Nine people were killed and twenty injured when the Berlin-Hamburg express collided with a local train near Spandau.

One coach was derailed and another set afire.

DUTCH STEAMER MINED

London, Nov. 18.

The Dutch steamer Simon Bolivar, 6,000 tons, struck a mine in the North Sea and it is feared that 140 have been lost.

A train-load of survivors arrived in London at mid-night from the east coast. A dozen ambulances, cars, many doctors and nurses and scores of police were waiting in the dark station. Figures with blankets over their heads, some with hurriedly-snatched belongings, alighted from the train or were helped into coaches by the police. Women had bedraggled hair and one or two had children or sleeping babies.

A ship's steward said, "The Bolivar was off the east coast when, without warning, a terrific explosion shook the ship. Everyone at once realised that the situation was serious but there was no great panic. People went to the life-boat stations, some of them hoping to collect a few belongings. The boats were lowered on the starboard side.

"An attempt was made to lower the boats on the port side also but the ship had tilted and there was some difficulty about it. Some little time after the first explosion there was another equally violent one. I imagined that the first explosion was caused by a mine and the second one by another mine which was linked to the first one with a chain, or something of the kind.

"Shortly after the second explosion the ship capsized. The Bolivar was carrying some 205 passengers, and a large crew. How many lives were lost, I do not know but it was a large number. I hardly know yet how I escaped. I'm lucky to be alive."

A telegram has been received saying that 17 of the Bolivar's survivors, including three children less than one year old, have been taken to an east coast hospital. Most of them are Dutch and were rescued from the sea suffering from shock.

The Chief Officer is among the survivors.—*United Press*.

Captain Killed Instantly

London, Nov. 18.

It is now revealed that the liner was sunk by a mine. She had 400 people aboard, many of whom were women and children. 200 survivors were landed last night in an east coast port. Many were badly injured and doctors and ambulances attended them at the quayside.

Of the survivors, 140 were members of the crew; 107 injured survivors have been taken to hospital in London, they include Dutch, British and Norwegian passengers.

According to a survivor, the captain was killed instantly on the bridge.

It is learned that two other vessels were also damaged by mines near the spot where the Simon Bolivar sank, but both succeeded in reaching port.

The Admiralty announces that the sinking of the Dutch passenger ship was a further example of the utter disregard of international law and the dictates of humanity shown by the present German Government.

The mines were laid without any notification in the Channel followed by merchant shipping, both British and neutral, and there was no doubt they were laid for the specific purpose of destroying such shipping.—*Reuter*.

Owners Report

Amsterdam, Nov. 18.

The Bolivar left Amsterdam yesterday for Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, carrying 360 passengers, of whom 130 were men, 40 second class, 40 third class.

Captain Voorspul had a crew of 150 men.—*United Press*.

Many Badly Injured

London, Nov. 19.

Many of the survivors of the Simon Bolivar are badly injured. About 80 or 70 had recovered sufficiently to be discharged from one London hospital this afternoon.—*Reuter*.

No Dutch Comment

Amsterdam, Nov. 19.

The sinking of the Simon Bolivar is detailed lengthily in the Dutch Press but without comment because Holland is determined to maintain her neutrality.

Information available indicates that the majority of the passengers were British, travelling to the Barbadoes and Trinidad. There were also a number of Dutch passengers, including employees of the Batavian Petroleum Company going to Surinam and Curacao.

Other passengers included Jewish refugees from Germany and other Central European States travelling to Chile.—*Reuter*.

Polish Naval Units

London, Nov. 19.

Britain and Poland have signed an agreement for certain Polish warships to work with the Royal Navy for the duration of the war.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Latvian Ship Sunk

London, Nov. 19.

A Latvian cargo ship has been sunk by a mine off Zeebrugge on the Belgian coast.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Nazis Warned

BRUSSELS, Nov. 18 (Reuter).—There is reason to believe that the rumours that Italy and Spain recently indicated to Germany their interest in the integrity of Belgium and Holland are not without foundation, states a semi-official Belgian news agency.

Reports indicate that the Italian and Spanish Governments made separate demarches which they probably worked out together aiming at implementing the Delgo-Dutch peace initiative, and they are said to have intervened in the same sense to London and Paris on November 11.

Italy and Spain are reported also to have insisted that the British Government grant all neutral Powers equal treatment with regard to maritime traffic.

Confirmed in Madrid

LONDON, Nov. 17 (Reuter).—The report of Italian and Spanish representations is confirmed in Madrid but no confirmation is obtainable in London.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....1,350 n.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) ..284 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) ..284 1/2 n.
Chartered ..28 n.
Merchants, & B. ..28 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. & ..11 1/2 n.
East Asia ..71 n.

INSURANCES

Canton \$.....205 b.
Union ..300 n.
China Underwriter ..1 1/4 n.
H.K. Fire ..170 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases ..70 b.
Steamboats ..12 n.
Indo-China, P. ..60 n.
Indo-China, D.S. ..30 n.
Shells (Bearers) ..83/9 n.
Winterbouts ..810 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves ..101 1/4 n.
Docks ..18.60 b.
Providents ..4.20 n.
New Eng. Sh. ..14.40 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. ..204 n.

MINING

Kailan s/- ..18/- n.
Raub's ..10 n.
Venz. Gold ..4 n.
H.K. Mines ..4 cts. 5n.

LANDS

Hotels ..4.55 n.
Lands ..33 1/4 n.
Lands 4% Deb. ..par. n.
Shai Lands Sh. ..10.20 n.
Humphreys ..7 3/4 n.
H.K. Realities ..4.20 b.
Chinese Estates ..100 n.

UTILITIES

Trams ..16 s.
Peak Trams (old) ..1.40 n.
Peak Trams (new) ..3.70 n.
Star Ferries ..0.1 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries ..22 1/2 b.
China Lights (old) ..7.55 s.
China Lights (new) ..4 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric ..40 1/2 b.
Macao Electric ..18 n.
Sandakan Lights ..11 1/2 n.
Telephones (old) ..20 1/2 b.
Telephones (new) ..7 n.
Traction ..18/- n.
Traction (S.P.) ..18/0 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. ..1.14 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh. ..1.13 n.
Canton Ice ..1 n.
Cement ..14.90 s.
H.K. Ropes ..5 n.

STOCKS

Dairy Farms (old) ..19 1/4 s.
Dairy Farms (new) ..10 1/4 s.
Watsons ..8.10 s.
Lane, Crawfords ..7 1/2 n.
Sinceres ..1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) ..41 n.
Powell, L. ..1 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. ..22 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. ..175 n.
Zong Sing Sh. ..42 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh. ..48 1/4 n.

MISC.

H. K. Entertainments ..6 b.
Constructions (old) ..1.55 n.
Constructions (new) ..1 n.
Vibro Piling ..8 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 ..48 1/2 n.
G. Bond ..100 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan ..97 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan ..97 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- ..15/- n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- ..4/- n.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London ..1/2 1/2
Demand do. ..1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai ..270.
T.T. Singapore ..52 1/2
T.T. Japan ..102 1/2
T.T. India ..52 1/2
T.T. U.S.A. ..34 1/2
T.T. Manila ..48 1/2
T.T. Batavia ..44 1/2
T.T. Bangkok ..140 1/2
T.T. Saigon ..108
T.T. Franco ..10.90
T.T. Switzerland ..100
T.T. Australia ..1/0 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London ..1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do. ..1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A. ..1.25
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

THRILLING GAME FOR THE GOVERNOR'S CUP

Chinese Federation Defeat Association Eleven By 5-3

IN A GAME fraught with thrills, and in which honours were shared evenly by both teams, the Chinese Amateur Federation beat the Hongkong Football Association by five goals to three in the Governor's Cup match at Causeway Bay yesterday.

In the first half, the Federation completely dominated play, but Association turned the tables, and the Federation defence were extended to their utmost to stave off defeat.

For the Federation, Lee Wai-tong and Company played their best game to date. But for the vigilance of Williamson and Bright they would have mounted the score to beyond the capabilities of the Association side. Hsu King-seng was again to the fore in the half-back line, and was ably supported by Tsang Chung-wan and Lau Chit-tan.

Of the defence trio, Cheung gave one of his finest performances and vied with Robinson for honours of the day. But Robinson played his usual inspired game and the shots that passed him were credit to his opponents rather than a slun on his game.

OUTSTANDING NEWCOMER

HENDY and Sheehan both gave a good account of themselves. Williamson and Bright were clearly the two best players of the Association side, if not of both teams. Williamson, a newcomer to local football, has more than established his right to represent local sides. He has shown a more perfect type of "third back" play which has already proved its effectiveness against the wily Chinese attack. In the second half, he and Bright moved up and gave a superb display of attacking half-backs. Honnibal came in for his share too as a despoiler, but Yeung Shui-yick was a bit of a match for him.

In the forward line, had Gosano and Thoburn understood a little more of the tactical play of Hossack, there might have been a different tale to tell. Middleton was playing a very pleasing attack, and had he been a little less hesitant in parting with the ball, he might have done a great deal.

AN EARLY GOAL

THE Federation attacked from the whistle and hardly three minutes had gone by when Fung forced a corner. From the kick Chow made no mistake with a first timer, which Robinson dived for seconds later. From the kick-off Lee came very near scoring hitting the upright with a deft cutback. Hsu obtained possession and sent Fung off with a nice

Jack Dempsey May Referee Bout In Hongkong

Negotiations are now in progress for Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion of the world, to referee a boxing match in Hongkong sometime next month. These negotiations are being carried out by Mr. Vic Hugo, the well-known manager of the Oriental Theatre, with Dempsey's manager, and have reached the stage where if the financial arrangements made are acceptable Dempsey will be in Hongkong around December 18, which is immediately following the bout on December 16 between Cefino Garcia and Glenn Lee in Manila.

Fung in turn slipped it to Lee, and Robinson had to go full length to save.

The Association forwards broke away and a movement by Middleton, Hossack and Gosano ended in the latter testing Cheung with a hard shot.

FUNG IN LIMELIGHT
FUNG was in the limelight with his scheming and soon got the Federation side on the attack again. Receiving from Hsu, he engaged Williamson and slipped the ball to Lee who practically walked through the defence and gave Robinson no chance from five yards out.

Lee was not waiting for opportunity, but was making them himself, and Robinson was the only player, apart from Williamson, who had his toes, and pulled off save after save. Thoburn relieved the pressure



Cheung Wing-chol, Chinese A.A.F. goal-keeper, evading the attentions of Hossack and Thoburn, Football Association forwards, in the Governor's Cup match at Causeway Bay yesterday. The Chinese won by 5-3.—Mec Cheung.

Week-end Rugby

NAVY-POLICE OVERWHELMED

MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

By defeating Lieut.-Col. J. S. Smith and Miss M. Griffiths, 6-2, 6-4, Tsui Yun-pui and Miss Yeung Wai-bun have reached the final of the mixed doubles tennis tournament, organized by the Chinese Recreation Club.

They are now waiting to play either Lee Wai-tong and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu or the winners of the second round match between T. A. Pearce and Mrs. Whitlum and W. C. Hung and Mrs. E. Litton.

The final of the tournament has been definitely fixed to be played at the Chinese R.C. on November 25, commencing at 2.30 p.m. His Honour Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell will distribute the prizes.

for a few minutes when he robbed Yeung of the ball and brought it right down the line and centred, but the Association forwards were all back helping the defence.

THREE GOALS AHEAD
LAU Chit-tan brought the ball a little way before passing to Lee, but after a short tussle with Sheehan, the ball went a little out and Robinson advanced to clear. Lee made a spurt and reached the ball just before Robinson and tipped it over his head to add to the total of two goals.

Robinson pulled off his finest save of the match when Hsu, receiving from Tsang, eluded both the backs and attempted to walk in with the ball. Robinson threw himself bodily at the ball and cleared.

ASSOCIATION REPLY
WILLIAMSON sent Gosano off with a beautiful pass for the latter to pave the way for Middleton's goal, which left Cheung standing.

Hsu was trying desperately to put his side further ahead, and was getting reckless in his attempts. He received from Tsang, and again attempted to run through. Robinson repeated his previous feat, but not quite successfully, as Hsu managed to tip the ball up the hands for Chow to score with Hendy standing helpless on the goal-line.

Hau was injured and limped to the side line a few minutes before half time. He returned a few minutes after the second half and headed for the goal.

WASTED OPPORTUNITIES
IN this half, Bright and Williamson surprised themselves. Hossack and Company were given every opportunity to score, but understanding and shooting boots were not there to help.

The Federation had one of their spasmodic raids when Fung combined with Yeung to bring the ball well into the Association penalty area for Yeung to hit the upright.

Cheung collected from a nice shot from Gosano and was immediately pounced upon by Thoburn and Middleton. To clear, he threw to Mak. Soon, however, the ball was back in the Federation area, and Cheung was called upon to save from Gosano, Fowler and Bright.

Lee Wai-tong and Hsu were practically useless in the forward line owing to injuries and the Association defence had little to do.

F.A. SCORE AGAIN
FOWLER improved his first half play, and from a pass from Thoburn attracted the opposing defence before passing to Gosano, who pushed it into the net before Cheung had time to recover from Fowler's feat.

The Association forwards forced a corner, Bright sent in a lovely centre, but Fowler bungled, when he passed late to Gosano. The Federation broke away again but appeared to be ragged and could hardly do anything even when faced with only Sheehan and Robinson.

Fowler redeemed himself when, from a pass from Gosano, he took a first timer and saw the ball hit the bottom of the upright and glance into the net.

Cessford Plays Great Game For Club-Army

(By "Fly-half")

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at Navy's ground, Causeway Bay, the Club-Army beat the Navy-Police by 21 points (two goals, two dropped goals and a try) to nil.

Navy-Police were unfortunate to be without the services of Lt. Carter, Surg. Lt. Cochran and Tel. Paul, as, no doubt, their inclusion would have made a great difference to their side. In place of these three were Sub. Lt. Kennedy, at right wing three-quarter, Mr. Pascoe, in the centre berth, and D. H. Taylor, of Police, was at left centre with G. S. Wilson his outside.

Club-Army were without three forwards in G. C. Godfrey, A. J. G. Taylor, and Lt. Ridsdale, but in their places were 2/Lt. Pinkerton, in the front row, Richardson, as wing forward, and W. E. Peers, as second row forward. These three played well, and pulled their weight both in the loose and the line-outs.

A. G. Castleton hooked better than his opponent, Ft. Lt. Taylor, and Club-Army dominated the scrums, practically all through the game.

CESSFORD BRILLIANT

CESSFORD was magnificent at fly-half. He opened the scoring soon after commencement of play with a brilliantly taken dropped goal. He took his passes well, and concentrated on feeding his three, his passes being very well judged and always getting his man.

Henderson, at the base of the scrum, got the ball out extraordinarily well, and played a hard game throughout. Stewart and Charter were not given the ball as much as one would have wished, but turned to advantage the few passes they did get. Stewart, especially, tried to get through several times on his own in the second half.

Richards and Bidwell were always dangerous, the former scoring a magnificent try and breaking through on his own passing at the crucial moment to Bidwell, who, being on a few yards from the line, easily scored. Lang defended and kicked to touch very well.

The Club-Army pack all did their bit, with Walkden and Duke outstanding, while Needham tried hard.

GOOD WORK

FOR NAVY-POLICE, D. H. Taylor did good work when he had the opportunity, but the ball did not go out to him often enough for his play to have much effect. Luscombe, at scrum-half, disappointed, and his play was not nearly as good as it has been seen from him. When he got the ball, his passes were badly placed. Fay also was poor, and did not distribute the ball to best advantage.

PLAYING AGAINST TIME

THE Association was playing against time, and looked as if they would beat it and the Federation, but luck was dead against them as goals refused to come despite first class efforts. All but Sheehan were playing on the offensive, and the Federation took full advantage of this when they broke away shortly before the final whistle.

Fung receiving from Mak to send Hau limping along the line, Hau made a desperate attempt and managed to lift the ball to Yeung who sent the ball in with a rasping shot, Robinson making a vain effort to save.

Federation—Cheung Wing-chol; Mak Shui-tan; Lee Tin-sang; Lau Chit-tan; Hsu King-seng; Tsang Chung-wan; Yeung Shui-yick; Fung King-chung; Lee Wai-tong; Chow Man-chi and Hsu Ching-to. Association—Robinson; Hendy; Sheehan; Bright; Williamson; Honnibal; Fowler; A. V. Gosano; Hossack; Thoburn and Middleton.

Conn Retains Boxing Title

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (Reuter). Billy Conn, of Pittsburgh, retained the world's lightweight boxing championship, as recognised by the New York and California Boxing Commissions, by outpointing Gus Lesnevich, of New Jersey, in a 16-round fight.

Conn tipped the scales at 171½ lbs. and Lesnevich at 174½ lbs.

tribute the ball to best advantage. Kennedy, on the Police-Navy right wing, was the best back. Wilson could have been more effective, for though the ball often went his way he let his opportunities go.

Wall, at full back, was outstanding, while the pack was well served by Heath, Ft. Lt. Taylor and Gullinan.

THE PLAY

THE SCORE was opened by Cessford with a brilliantly taken dropped goal, not long after the commencement of play.

The Police-Navy fought back, and what looked like being a score from Heath was checked by Lang at the crucial moment.

Good play by the Club-Army backs when with Richardson through and tackled on the line he threw a beautiful and well-gathered pass to Bidwell, who scored. Richardson converted.

Fay failed to score when Club-Army were penalised for off-side. Just before the interval Richardson scored, after evading three opponents. Henderson converted bringing the score up to a lead of 14-0 at half time.

After ten minutes of even play in the second half, Richardson kicked a penalty goal, Police-Navy being penalised for off-side.

D. H. Taylor tried to break through, but was foiled.

The score was brought up to 21-0 when Bidwell dropped a goal; Cessford passing back from a set scrum in front of Police-Navy goal.

Surg. Lt. Cdr. Nicholson refereed. The teams were:

Club and Army—Sgt. Lang (Army); D. H. Stewart (Club); J. C. Charter (Club); H. D. Bidwell (Club) and G. Richardson (Army); F. Cessford (Club) and J. Henderson (Club); 2/Lt. Pinkerton (Army); G. Castleton (Club); W. E. Peers (Club); Capt. Duke (Army); Richardson (Club); W. D. Bidwell (Police) and Navy—(Police): Sub. Lt. Kennedy (Army); Mr. Pascoe (Navy); D. H. Taylor (Police) and G. S. Wilson (Police); B. C. Fay (Police) and E. C. Luscombe (Police); Ft. Lt. Taylor (Navy) and Gullinan (Police); Sgt. Ingles (Navy); Lt. (P) Brown (Navy); Dempsey (Police); Lt. John (Navy); Bayley (Navy) and W. D. Heath (Police).

Army "A" 17 Navy "A" 11

ARMY "A" BEAT NAVY "A" by 17 points (three tries, a penalty goal and a goal) to 11 (a goal and two tries) at Causeway Bay on Saturday. The game was fast but lacked in the finer points. Had Navy played as well throughout as they did in the

Basketball Tour

Hongkong Girls Beaten For Second Time

MANILA, Nov. 18 (UP).—The Hongkong Chinese girls' basketball team sustained their second defeat of the tour to-night, when they lost to the all-Chinese girls, 9-10.

Diana Chen and Chan Chai-chen each scored four, and Sun Yuk-ming one. The teams were never over three points apart. The record to date of the Hongkong Girls is five victories against two defeats.

Cricket

GOODBAN'S HURRICANE CENTURY

BELIEVED to be the fastest century scored in Hongkong since A. R. Sutherland's 100 in 27 minutes in 1914, G. A. Goodban on Saturday knocked up 104 for K.C.C. second eleven against the Diocesan Boys' School in 55 minutes.

His first 50 occupied a mere 20 minutes, and he actually reached his century in 52 minutes.

Goodban played the schoolboys' attack to such an extent that he collected nineteen boundaries.

The K.C.C. won handsomely declaring at 214 for 0 and then dismissing the schoolboys for 51.

ETON CRICKET GROUND TO BE PLOUGHED

LONDON, Nov. 17 (UP).—Fifteen acres of Eton School's famous cricket ground, known as Agar's Plough, will be ploughed for the production of food.

A "hat trick" by H. G. Asome featured the match between the Police R.C. and St. Joseph's College yesterday. The latter won by three runs.

Police scored 127, of which H. Danbrowsky contributed 89. Asome returned the analysis of four for 42; V. Mendonca had three for 41 and K. Singh two for 40.

Top-scorers for St. Joseph's were R. Silva 48, P. Rull 21, Mendonca 17 and S. K. Khan 14. Pope and Lewis each took three wickets for 40.

final stages, they would probably have held, if not have beaten the Army.

The Army backs, Marsh, Waite and Boe were in good form. Marsh was very fast, and scored a try, and kicked a penalty goal. Eton played a safe game, and Willie did his best, though he wasn't up to the standard of the others, to keep Corcoran in check.

Sub. Lt. Pluggie played in place of Sub. Lt. Kennedy, who was called on to play in the senior game. He gave a sound performance as fly-half, and with more practice should turn out quite a creditable player.

ARMY SCORE FIRST
MARSH gave first points to the Army with a score near the posts, after intercepting a Navy pass. Boe failed to convert. Navy were penalised for obstruction, and Marsh kicked a good goal.

Good play by Army backs further added to their score, with White running through, and a pass to Boe resulting in a score. Marsh converted. At the interval, Army were leading by 11 points to nil.

Army made some changes on resumption of play. Hook moved to scrum half in place of Gracie, who went wing three-quarter, and Boe to fly-half instead of Hook.

Boe, immediately after the re-start, was brought down near the Navy goal line, but Waite, backing up, dribbled over for a try which Marsh failed to convert.

NAVY RETALIATE
NAVY'S backs were then in evidence. Hall dribbled over for their first try. Pluggie failed to convert. Clarke then broke through and scored, but Pluggie again failed with the kick.

Willis, following up the ball after a penalty kick against Navy, which didn't come off, scored easily near the flag. Marsh failed.

Navy fought back, and scored almost immediately with a good try by Bowden, which Pluggie converted.

Just before the end, Army were penalised for off-side, but Pluggie just failed to kick a goal.

The teams were:
Army "A"—L/Cpl. Pickett (R.E.); Sgt. Willis (R.C.S.); L/Cpl. White (R.E.); L/Cpl. Boe (R.S.); Sub. Lt. Pluggie (Durban); L/Cpl. Hook (R.H.A.); Pte. Gracie (R. S.); Pte. Berry (Mdx.); L. Hewitt (Add.); L/Cpl. Avery (R.H.); Cdr. Cook (R.H.A.); Cdr. Whitehead (R.H.A.); Sgt. Page (R.H.A.); Cpl. Brinkley (R.S.); L/Cpl. Evans (R.H.A.).
Navy "A"—L. Hax (Scout); Surg. Lt. Corcoran (Tamar); L. Hall (M.T.B.); Surg. Lt. Kirkwood (Durban); L. Bowden (Thrasian); L. Cndr. Bowden (M.T.B.); Sub. Lt. Pluggie (Durban); L.S. Palmer (Thrasian); Ldg. Wtr. Clark (Tamar); A.S. Gallagher (Durban); L.S. Yandaw (Durban); Ldg. Wtr. Farrer (Tamar); E. O. King (Tamar); Pay Lt. Charles (Office); P.O. Kewell (Durban).

Cash Sweep Winners

The following were the lucky cash sweep numbers on Saturday:

RACE 1
No. 436 \$1,061.40
No. 370 600.40
No. 332 200.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1001, 70, 2625, 2727.
Number of tickets sold, 3,950.

RACE 2
No. 3395 \$1,004.20
No. 3099 601.20
No. 353 250.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 622, 1036, 424, 1007, 149, 3040, 1604, 130, 6, 3605.
Number of tickets sold, 4,350.

RACE 3
No. 3077 \$2,412.20
No. 297 609.20
No. 241 344.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): No. 2337.
Number of tickets sold, 4,000.

RACE 4
No. 964 \$2,156.40
No. 474 100.40
No. 5194 303.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 535, 1708, 4477, 2070, 507, 4885, 245, 140, 5930, 307, 3708, 4070, 3440, 120, 337, 4412, 2333, 4824.
Number of tickets sold, 6,300.

RACE 5
No. 1021 \$4,570.80
No. 2490 1,240.80
No. 359 224.40
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 3337, 1094, 2201, 3235, 3000, 908, 1220, 161.
Number of tickets sold, 4,700.

RACE 6
No. 4310 \$2,547.80
No. 2103 100.40
No. 4723 509.70
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1913, 3207, 1091, 601, 723, 3303, 3209.
Number of tickets sold, 5,325.

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No. 2908 \$2,341.20
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(Laughing Girl)
No. 2073 301.00
No. 904 (Scenic View) 291.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4050, 51, 4725.
Number of tickets sold, 5,550.

RACE 8
No. 575 \$4,639.00
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Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 1611, 3245, 1026, 3201, 505, 4100, 2770, 2507, 2427, 2743, 4632, 1600.
Number of tickets sold, 5,150.

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Second leg.—Clowner 1, Laughing Girl 15, Royal Higness 17, Salvage Master 8, Scenic View 3, Sunlight View 7, Sylvandale 1.

Total net pool—\$7,448. Number of winning chances 17. Dividend—\$438.10.

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Small crowds attended both softball venues yesterday and those who stayed away didn't miss much, as play was desultory; Asheville-Rescero friendly tussle being the highlight of the day's entertainment.

The following were the results: Wildcats 20, Cubs 8. Vahoos 19, Balgiris 11. Ramblerettes 10, Pirates 4. Trojans 0, Liga 2. Ball Club 12, CBA 1. Asheville 3, U.S.S. Asheville 2. (0 inns).

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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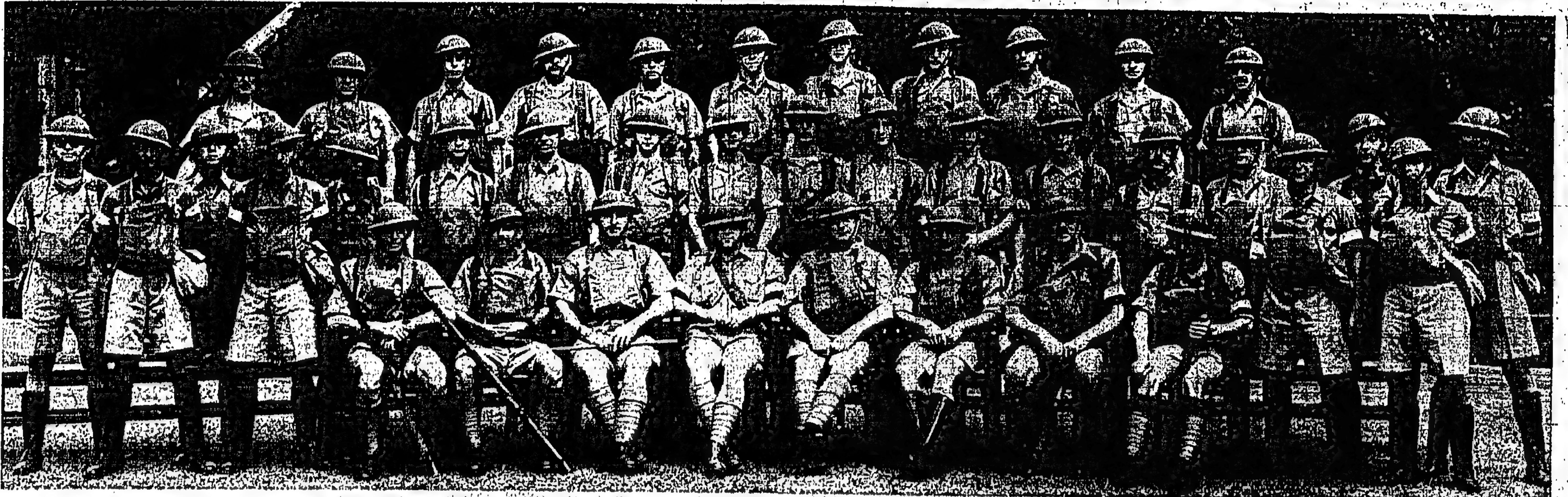
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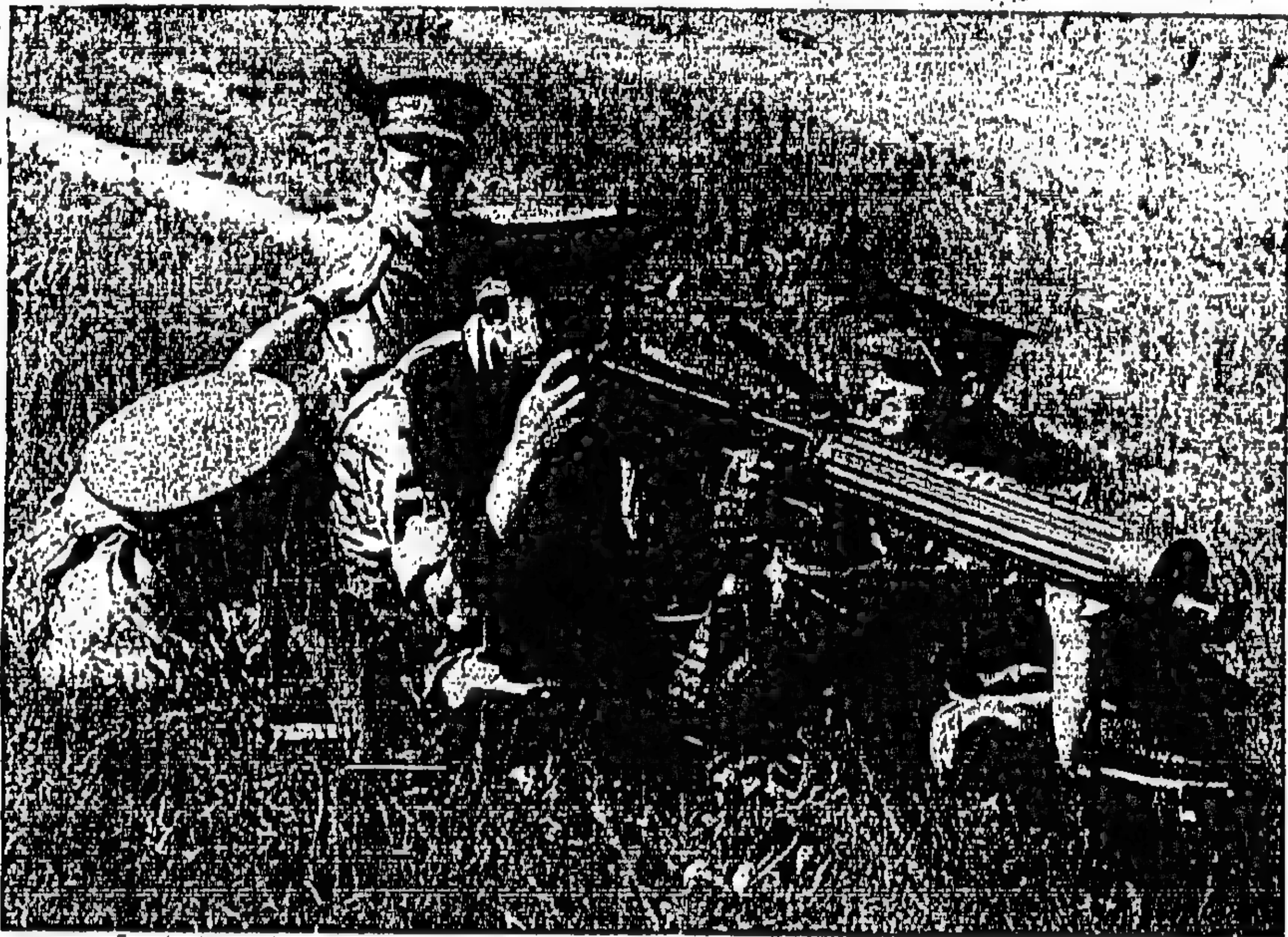
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HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE



TIN-HATTED MEMBERS of the Corps Signals, H.K.V.D.C., photographed at Volunteer Headquarters before proceeding to camp at Lowu. This unit, which is under the command of Lieut. N. Braudo, seated front row fourth from left.—*Moe Choung.*



MACHINE-GUNNERS in action at Lowu Camp. The machine gun section of the H.K.V.D.C. has been brought to a high state of efficiency in the past two years and provides the most important arm of the Colony's volunteer defences.—*Ming Yuen.*



THE GOVERNOR at Lowu Camp, watching the Volunteers at work last week. With the Governor is Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, 2nd in Command of the H.K.V.D.C. (centre) and Captain Batty Smith, the A.D.C.—*Staff Photographer.*



THE "TELEGRAPH'S" Sporting Page leads to an animated discussion outside one of the tents at the Volunteer Camp at Lowu.—*Ming Yuen.*

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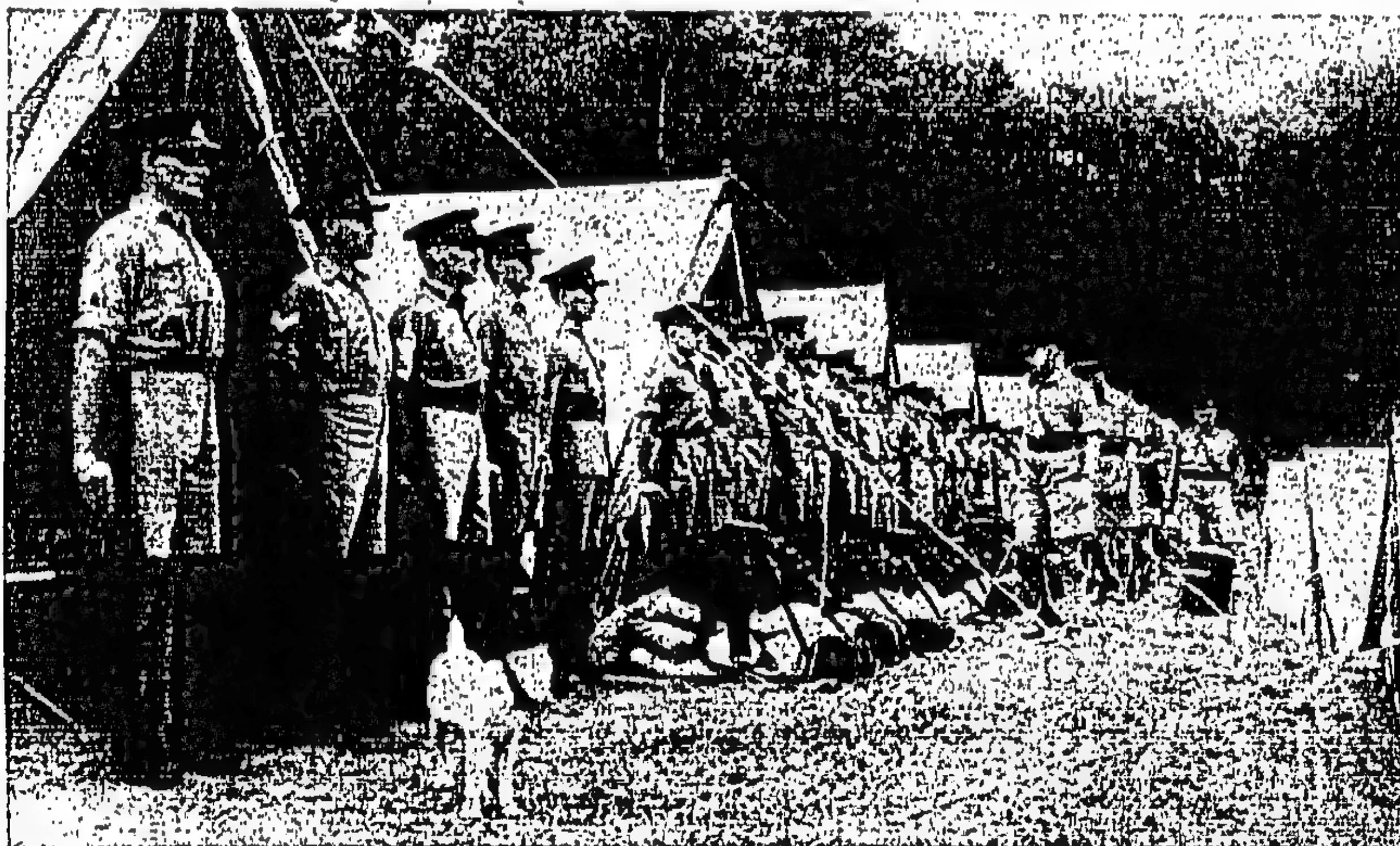


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INSPECTION—and the Volunteers stand to attention for the "brass hats." The camp mascot in foreground invariably led the inspections.—*Ming Yuen.*



A SECTION OF THE VOLUNTEERS who proceeded to camp at Lowu last week. Other camps will be held within the next four weeks, each section spending seven days under canvas. These photographs are unique inasmuch as they are the first to be published since the outbreak of hostilities in Europe.—*Ming Yuen.*



SEARG gives the machine gun the "once over." It has repeatedly been stated in official circles that the machine gun section of the Hongkong Volunteers will form the backbone of the Colony's defences in the event of an emergency.—*Staff Photographer.*

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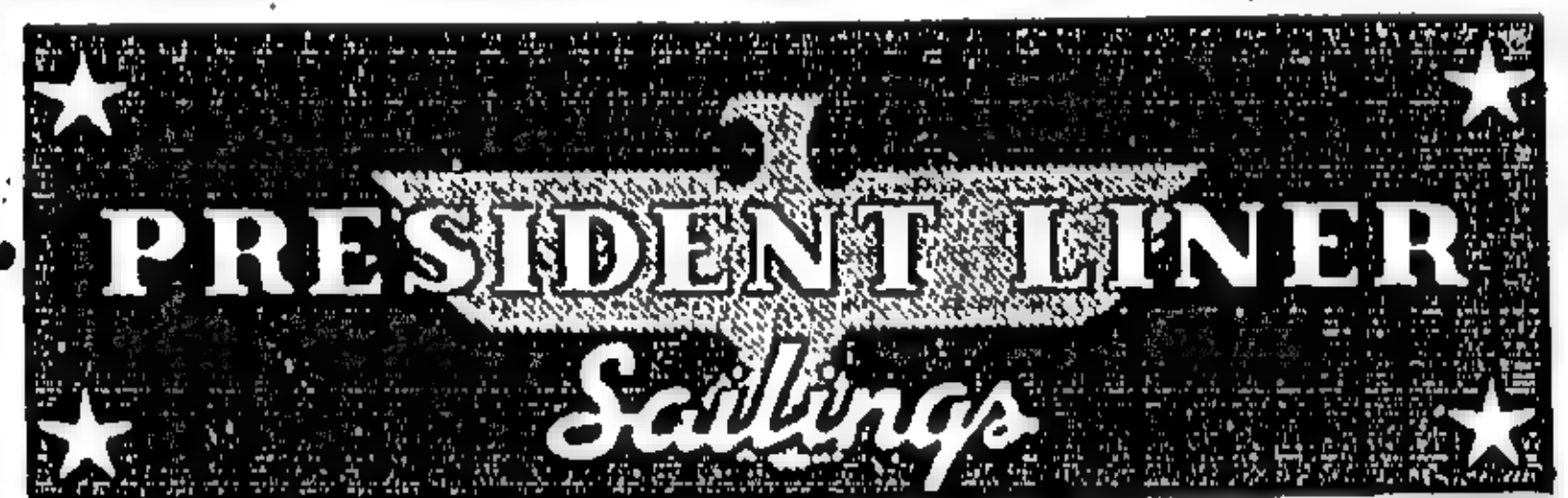
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girls. Long bobs are youthful and pretty, romantic and
adaptable. Besides, they lead girls who have them to take more
pride in their hair—to brush harder and to be more fussy about
keeping it clean. You simply can't have a long bob and be
proud of it if it is oily and unkempt.

This brings up another subject, too. Hair will be unharmed by the treat-
ment. Wash Hair Often

If you are in your teens and if
you have had permanent-curl put
in the ends of your hair, see that
you give more time to brushing.
Occasionally work a good pomade or
creamy type wave-set into the ends
to help overcome the dryness and
harshness that usually result from
the waving process.

Hair that is well cared for usually
has some natural curl or wave in it.
It's up to you to wash your hair
often enough, to brush it until it is
soft and elastic enough to show that
wave. By pinching and pushing and
pulling in the right direction
you can encourage natural waves and
curls. You can do even more by
having a good hair-cut that thins
and shapes your hair sufficiently to
give the natural wave a chance.

Heavy-hair tends to pull-out and
straighten natural waves by sheer
weight. Shaping your hair needn't
affect the length. Go to a good hair-
dresser and have him find the direc-
tion of your natural wave and shape
the hair accordingly. Many shops
specialise in this kind of hair-cut.

To keep your hair immaculately
clean, choose your favourite kind of
shampoo and wash your hair every
two weeks or so, depending on its
condition to start with. Some girls
like the soapless shampoos that can
be used either in soft or hard water;
others prefer a good soap shampoo.
Personally, I prefer the latter for
regular use; and there is an excellent
non-drying, olive-castle shampoo of
this type that is easy to use and
leaves your hair clean and spark-
ling.

Keep Your Hair Clean
Whether you shampoo every week
or every month, you must keep your
hair clean. Brushing does a lot in
the cause of cleanliness, but it can-
not remove all perspiration odour,
cigarette smoke and oil that tend to
accumulate between shampoos. There
is a perfectly grand hair and scalp
fresher that will help you do that.
It's a fragrant lotion, applied like a
hair tonic along one-inch partings.
Use cotton pledgets for rubbing
the cleanser along the partings, dis-
carding the cotton as fast as it be-
comes soiled and taking a fresh piece
frequently. When the entire head
has been treated with the fresher,
massage briskly, wipe off as much
moisture as you can with a clean
towel, then brush the hair vigorously.
Your hair will look, smell and
feel clean.

As a final step, apply creamy
wave-set, brushing it well through
the hair, so it is distributed evenly
and sparingly. Now push your waves
into place and set your curls by
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Weather Report.

1.03 Variety and Dance Music.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press,
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 Schumann—Quartet in A
Major—Op. 41 No. 3.
Lerner String Quartet.
2.15 Close Down.

6.0 "For the Children."
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.32 A Programme of Dance
Favourites.
7.15 The J. H. Squire Celeste
Octet.
Valse Bluettes—Alfred de Ballet
(Drigo); Narcissus (Nevin); Operatic
(Famous Operatic Melodies).
7.30 London—The news.

New Chin-Strap Holds Hat Fast

By ELEANOR GUNN

New York.—Among several ab-
surdities foisted upon us by those
whose business it is to make it im-
possible to wear last season's clothes
are chin-straps. Yes, really! It's
Schlaparelli's doing, and you may
really like it since, besides being
flattering, they do keep one's hat on.
It's not just a matter of switching
your elastic from under the hair to
under the chin. Chin-straps must
be all dolled up—ruffled like a Vic-
torian's garter, for instance.

It's a bit early to be definite about
the success of the chin-strap, but it
does belong in the Victorian picture,
which most of us are determined to
reconstruct or restore. We give you
the chin-strap as a delightful brides-
maid fashion.

Drapes, ruffles, bows, bustles and
hips are all part of the Victorian
mode, but one needn't praise be,
take them all at once.

Drapes, as you conceived, are
almost entirely involved with knots
and bows. Hips especially are tied
up with drapes. Balenciaga thinks
nothing of introducing bows to tie in
pairs, and such bows can be either
at front or at back; Allex and Schla-
parelli regulate the taut drapes of the
hip in this fashion. Lele's bodies
can be identified this season with
some of the most individual drapery,
these also seeming to derive from the
idea of tying in knots wherever the
draperies are crossed as they pass
over the body.

So you see, when you stop to con-
sider all these complicated additions
to dress, there is every reason to
suppose that anything could happen
to a hat—even chin-straps.

At the time of writing, snoods are
the accepted thing. They are con-
sistent with the "covered-up" look
that so many smart women have
adopted and which promises to make
this the most modest fashion period
in the memory of man.

Volunteers are going into ready-
to-wear evening wraps again, for the
first time after many years. It's the
fashion for stiffer pile materials that
is bringing about this revival.

For Cleaning Leather

If you want to renovate and
"dress up" the leather upholstery in
the family car after a hard summer,
here is a recommended cleaner. It
can be easily made up by the drug-
gist, or even at home, if you or
friend husband are inclined that
way. The cleaner consists of the
following:

Powdered castle soap 6 parts
Water 100 parts
Dissolve the soap in gentle heat-
ing, allow to cool and then add:
Ammonium hydroxide 6 parts
Glycerine 14 parts
Ethylene dichloride 7 parts

Tastier Fish

If fish is served at the table and
proves dry, pass the mayonnaise.
This dressing combines nicely with
hot or cold fish.

Piquant Punch

Dissolved currant jelly gives a
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This model exemplifies the
fashion for checks in a classic
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8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 Tchaikovsky—"The Sleeping
Princess" Suite—Sadler's Well Or-
chestra.

8.30 Songs by Aureliano Pertile
(Tenor) from Grand Opera.
8.43 Violin Solos by Salgell.
9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent
Events.

9.15 London—The News.
9.30 B. B. C. Recording—"Zoo
Holiday", "Gert and Daisy visit the
Zoo."
10.25 A Dance Programme.
11.0. Close Down.

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NANCY



TSAR'S GOLD MISSING

Belgrade. TREASURES, said to have been valued originally at £32,000,000, which were smuggled out of Tsarist Russia before the revolution, are missing from the vaults of Yugoslavia's Finance Ministry, where they were placed for safety.

Barely £1,000,000 now remains.

This was revealed at a special court in Belgrade yesterday when two emigre Russians, Anton Gendzel and Leo Kuschinski, were sentenced for embezzling and disposing of part of the treasure worth £2,000.

Six other people—five of them emigre Russian women—were also accused, but they were acquitted.

Minor Figures Only

Gendzel, the embezzler, was sent to prison for four years; Kuschinski, his accomplice, for two years.

But they are only minor figures in the greatest financial mystery of post-war years—a mystery that suggests wholesale embezzlement and thefts.

In the words of their defending lawyer: "This case is in danger of developing into a monster process, involving the international relations of Yugoslavia, beside which the minor misappropriations of Gendzel and Kuschinski are insignificant."

The trial was secret. Not a word was allowed to appear in the Press. But from a confidential document it is able to reconstruct the story of the treasure.

Chests of Gold

It consisted of gold and silver deposits from the former Russian National Bank, valuable collections of old coins from Moscow and Petrograd Museums, and private bank safe deposits.

Smuggled out of Russia in 1920 during the Kerensky regime, it was placed on the steamer Samara and landed at Kotor, Yugoslavia.

Thirty-two wagons were loaded to carry the treasure in Belgrade. There were 25,000 boxes and packets, including 700 chests of silver, and 500 of gold and jewellery.

Some of the silver, worth £110,000, was brought to London and sold by the late General Wrangell.

Soviet Pleas

According to the document, the Soviet Government have already made representations to Yugoslavia for the return of this wealth, or such part of it as was originally the property of the State and municipal and public institutions in Russia.

The hush-up of the trial of Gendzel and Kuschinski suggests that the Yugoslav Government now fear the relations with the Soviet may be badly strained.

The Queen To Make Bandages

The Queen, who has returned to Scotland, has organised a work party to make bandages and garments for the Central Hospital Supplies Service under the joint board of the British Red Cross Society, and the Order of St. John.

She will herself take an active part in the work, and will be assisted by members of the domestic staff of the royal household.

Runaway Girls Warned of Dangerous London

THREE runaway girls who had been found in London by police-women are to be "evacuated" to their own homes at Birmingham, Newcastle and Carlisle (Eire). They were brought before the Caxton Hall juvenile court as being in need of care and protection.

To the Birmingham girl, who had been found in a distressed condition in Hyde Park, the chairman (Mr. A. E. Lick, said: "London is no place for a girl, especially now. You know what the present state of affairs is. There is a possibility of London being an unpleasant and dangerous place. You had better go back to Birmingham."

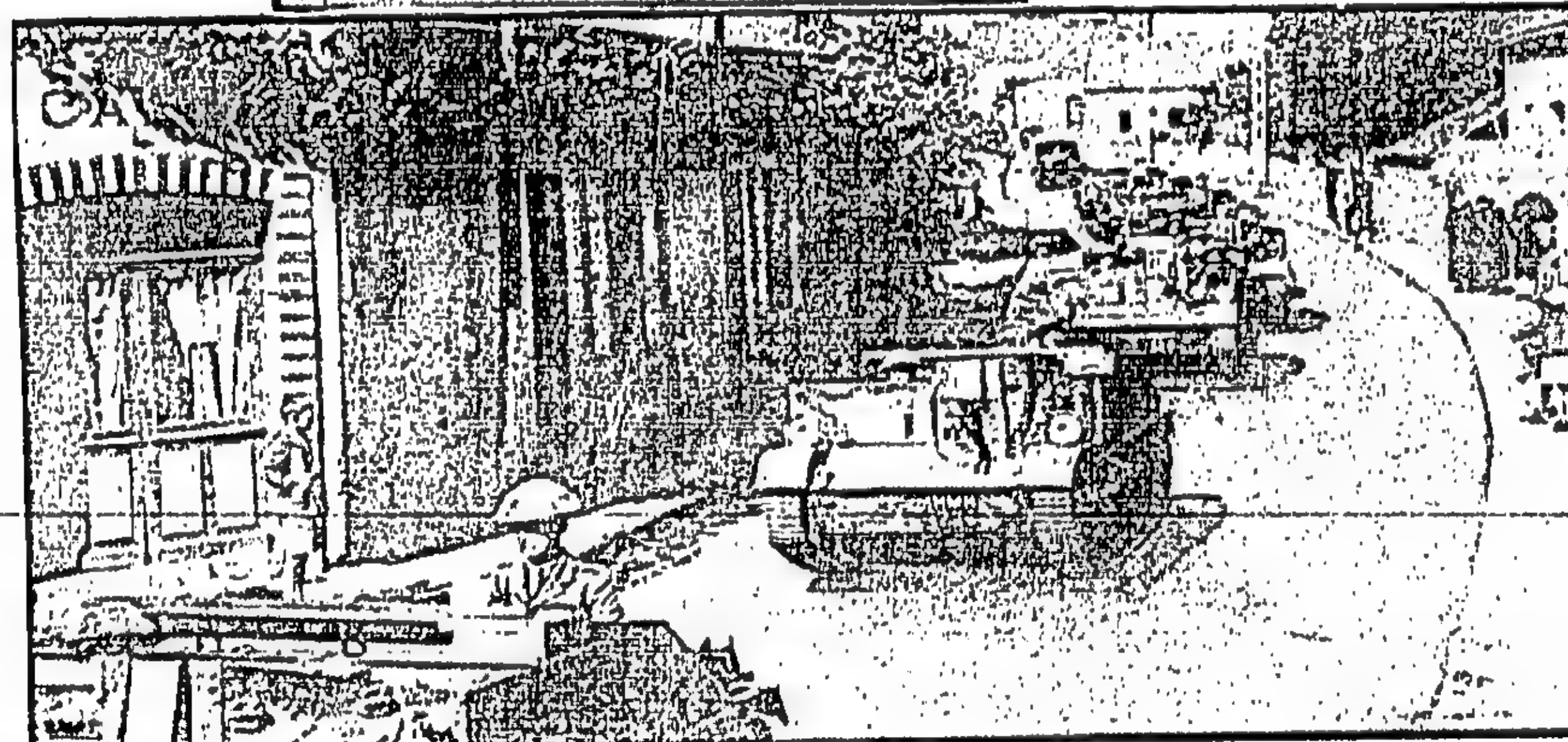
The girl promised not to return to London.

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The Newcastle girl, aged 16, when found in the West End, said she left

HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT

Air Minister Sir Kingsley Wood took the Chancellor of the Exchequer to an R.A.F. station to show him how the money devoted to the Air Force is spent. They chatted (right) with the pilots, inspected aeroplanes and administrative quarters, and expressed satisfaction with the organisation.



British troops driving Bren gun carriers through a French village "behind the lines."

TOO BUSY TO BE ILL

The view is expressed by an official of the British Medical Association that people had been "too busy to be ill" since the war started. He was discussing the dwindling practices of many general practitioners.

"Apart from their panel work, which is continuing more or less as usual, because, generally speaking, the insured people are remaining in their ordinary jobs, the average general practitioner has not nearly as much work to do now as he has in normal times," said this official.

"His practice has been very badly hit, partly because of the evacuation of large numbers of his private patients, and partly because, owing to emergency conditions, people simply have not time to be ill to-day. Nor are they bothering to call the doctor in for the treatment of minor ailments as they would do in normal times."

Timing Their Visitors

BRUSSELS. BELGIANS are being discouraged by the Nazi authorities to visit friends or relatives in Germany.

Only people with special passes are allowed to cross, and these are being "checked" in and out by the German frontier guard.

The reason for this tightening of the regulations is believed to be the growing discontent among the German population.

The Nazis fear that through contact with their Belgian friends people may get to know too much.

Letters have been received in Europe from Germans appealing to their friends to bring them butter, coffee and chocolate.

NAZI PLANE PUT THROUGH ITS PACES FOUND TOO SLOW

ALLIED air technicians now have complete proof of the inferiority of Germany's fighting planes.

Britain, Australia, France to Ignore League During War

GENEVA. BRITAIN, France and Australia, in separate notes to the League of Nations, said the special clause in the World Court statute which calls for compulsory arbitration in any conflict, which they signed with 35 other nations, no longer was valid so far as their war with Germany was concerned.

The British note said: "All present machinery to maintain peace has broken up. The conditions under which the British Government agreed to sign the optional article of the World Court's statute no longer exist."

The French and Australian notes were similar.

Test pilots have flown a captured Messerschmitt fighter, and their reports show that the plane is actually slower than many of Britain's bombing planes.

Yet the Messerschmitt—a squat little single-seat monoplane with square-out wing tips—was one of Hitler's most vaunted weapons.

I revealed last week that captured German pilots referred to their planes as "flying bricks," and complained that they were difficult to manoeuvre in combat, says a London reporter.

A German fighter pilot landed his machine in France on one of the Allied aerodromes, under the impression that he was in Germany.

WINGS FLAP

In tests with the machine at certain speeds the short metal wings flap and quickly—an essential in air fighting.

The maximum safe speed for the machine is reported to be lower than 300 miles an hour, and at the speed the whole aircraft is vibrating dangerously and rattling.

Britain's warplanes are fitted with engines designed to use the most efficient fuel possible.

The engine of the Messerschmitt, however, is designed to work on a petrol little more potent than that used in a high-efficiency sports car.

SMALL LOSSES

According to German propaganda before the war, the Messerschmitt was going to keep the air over Germany clear of invaders.

British and French craft have now flown millions of miles over enemy territory on reconnaissance flights with ridiculously small losses.

The reports on the captured fighter seem to give the explanation.

German Parent Ships to Supply Raiders at Sea

By A NAVAL CORRESPONDENT

AN effective point made by the Prime Minister in his latest statement on the progress of the war was that, previous to the outbreak of war, the Germans had placed their U-boats and their supply ships in the best strategic positions, with the result that our shipping losses had been somewhat severe.

This is the first information to be published to suggest that enemy submarines operating in the Atlantic are being assisted by supply ships. It draws attention to the fact that no fewer than ten vessels figure in the list of the German Fleet as sub-

marine depot ships. One of these, the Valdemar Kophamel, was launched at Kiel last May, and may not yet be in service; but all the others are believed to be in commission. Whether any of them are now at sea remains to be seen.

Apart from the question of the existence of parent vessels, it is certain that the U-boats cannot remain far away at sea indefinitely unless they can have recourse to bases of some kind. In this connection it may be significant that the Ministry of Information should have announced last week that "the enemy may attempt to establish submarine bases on the coasts of South and Central American countries."

IN THE LAST WAR

In 1914-15 there were at least three definite instances of this kind of disregard of neutrality by Germany. In September, 1914, the British cruiser, Highflyer surprised and sank the German armed liner, Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse while coaling in the Spanish waters of Rio de Oro, on the West African coast.

During the same month another enemy raider, the Cap Trafalgar, was similarly caught and destroyed by the armed Cunarder, Carnarvon, off the Brazilian island of Trinidad, in the South Atlantic.

After the battle of the Falklands the surviving German cruiser, the Dresden, repeatedly took advantage of Chilean neutrality, first by hiding in various remote inlets in the territory of Magallanes and later by lying at the island of Juan Fernandez, where she was found and her career ended by the cruisers Glasgow and Kent.

B. B. C.'s "ADOLF IN BLUNDERLAND"

London.

THE British Broadcasting Corporation's radio programme, "Adolf in Blunderland,"

In this, Little Adolf follows the White Rabbit to its hole, gets lost in a pool of his own tears, and meets Catumbrella, who, sitting on a mushroom and mimicking Chamberlain's voice, gives him good advice from under his umbrella.

Adolf's head gets bigger and bigger, and when he starts eating the mushroom he grows too big for his boots.

There is a tea party with the Mad Flatterer, at which State gardeners are busy painting white flowers red, "in order to please Russia."

The party attendees include the Queen of Heartlessness, Storm Troopers with clubs and spades, party leaders wearing their diamonds, also wearing Mockchoobles.

Britain-Japan

AMERICA BLAMED

Tientsin, Nov. 18. Interviewed by the foreign Press this morning General Homma, Japanese Commander-in-Chief here, declared that the Tientsin blockade will continue until a satisfactory solution of pending questions is achieved. He added that the blockade should have ended three months ago, when the Anglo-Japanese negotiations were proceeding smoothly, but the abrogation of the commercial treaty with Japan by America caused a stiffening of the British attitude.

General Homma was asked whether the Japanese military authorities would abide by the decisions reached by the diplomatic talks in Tokyo. He, smilingly replied that as soldiers they would obey orders.

General Homma regretted that nationals other than Britons were suffering hardships through the blockade, but every step was being taken to reduce their inconvenience.

According to the United Press General Homma also stated that Anglo-Japanese consular officials were negotiating regarding the shortage of coal in Tientsin. The above statement has been confirmed by the British Consul-General.

Search Not Relaxed

Chungking, Nov. 19. In Tientsin pedestrians may enter or leave the Concessions only at three places, the International Bridge, Machinkow and Tuntlowkow, and they are subjected to strict searches. People leaving for outposts by boat are searched twice, Tientsin and Tangku.—Central News.

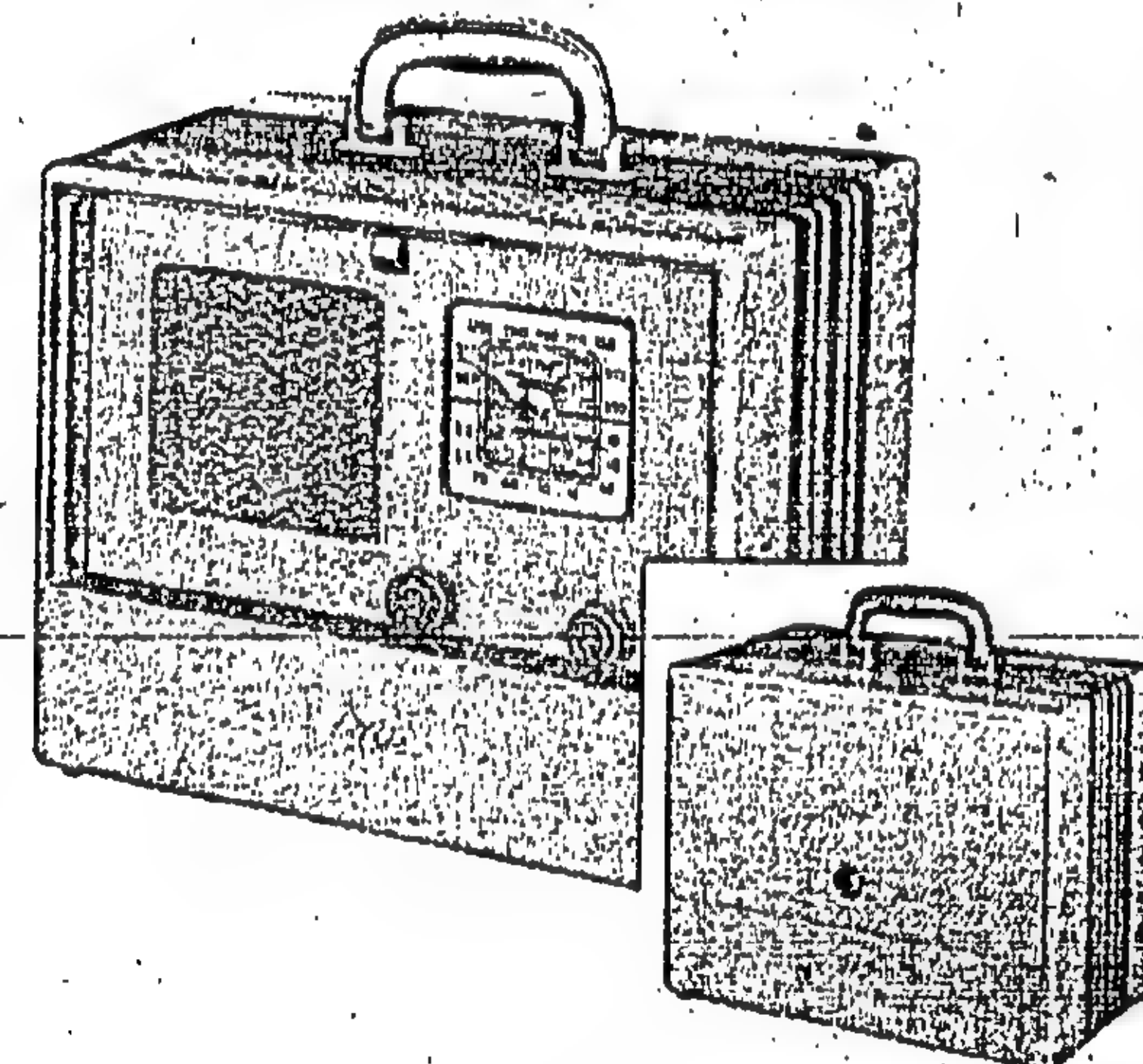


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CHINA'S FUTURE

Introduction Of Constitution

Chungking, Nov. 18.
At to-day's meeting of the plenary session Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek announced the introduction of constitutional government as an important item in the Kuomintang's latest programme.

Authoritative quarters said the fixture of a date for the convocation of the National Peoples Assembly in order to introduce constitutional government to replace the present one, under the National Party's tutelage, would be the major achievement of the present session.

Proposals Examined

Chungking, Nov. 18.
Among the numerous proposals submitted to the sixth plenary session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang is a suggestion for the creation of two new Ministries in the Chinese Government—the Ministry of Forestry and Ministry of Water Conservancy. Delegates supporting the proposal argue that forestry and water conservancy are the most important part of reconstruction work in the north-west provinces.

Previously forestry was handled by the Agricultural Bureau of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, while the water conservancy work has been carried on by the Yangtze, Yellow and Hwai Rivers Conservancy Committees. The proposal is still under discussion by the session.

Important decisions covering party, political, economic and educational affairs were adopted during the meeting yesterday. One proposal adopted advanced the creation of smaller provinces by breaking up larger provinces into less extensive units.

Another proposal passed was that submitted by Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, advocating that weaving classes should be introduced into all schools and colleges and weaving should be made a required course for all girl students.

At the morning meeting numerous reports were heard on communications, education, publicity, social progress and overseas affairs.

People's Assembly

Chungking, Nov. 18.
Authoritative circles said that the date of the convocation of the Peoples Council Assembly will probably be in the winter of 1940.

The plenary session has decided the details such as the election of delegates from all the provinces of free China and occupied China and will also recognise delegates who were elected in 1937 as still valid except these few who joined the puppet regimes.

The decision to convocate the assembly is expected to remove all causes of friction between the various political parties.

Hospital Improvement

Chungking, Nov. 18.
Improvement of hospitals for wounded soldiers and treatment was one of the important resolutions passed.

Closing Session Held

Chungking, Nov. 18.
The closing meeting of the sixth plenary session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang is expected to be held to-day, when a manifesto on the decisions of the conference may be released.
Among the resolutions adopted at yesterday's meeting was one advocating improvement of military hospitals and better treatment of wounded officers and soldiers.

LATE NEWS

TO PUB via YPRES

By HILDE MARCHANT
WARTIME brings inspiration to ordinary people.

I remember the letters my father sent to us at home from the Rubben camp in Germany, when I was a tiny child.

He was an ordinary man, just as I was an ordinary daughter, but his letters had a delicate, sweet touch of inspiration about them.

It was not until I was at school, and re-read them, that I realised what it meant.

They began: "My dear Hilde, Look after your mother. . . . I was little more than a toddler, and could help my mother no more than by getting whooping cough and measles.

THE letters that will be treasured this time include those from the children who are now living in the country away from home.

They record strange, unusual moments. This one, I think, puts your Cockney child, your little street urchin, into the top flight of imagination.

It came to a woman in the East End. Dear Mum—My "father" said to me that they were apples, and I looked at them and they were in the air, and I know apples grow on hand carts.

THE same child was walking through the village when a kindly man asked: "What is your name, little man?"

"Really. What is your surname?" "Arty. What's yours?"

The man told the child that his name was Mr. Smith. "Oh," said the boy. "Well, my mum calls me 'Arty, but when she's mad she calls me Little 'Hler."

THE children are well and happy, and they will come back furnished with the most fantastic stories of wonder in the countryside.

Another child in a country village went to the vicar's wife and said: "I don't like this place."

"Why, Tommy?" "Because it's so clean. When I go out my Ma says I'm clean, and then I see her little angel. But there's no chance here."

OUR home, trenches are getting 1914 signs on them. At this office a notice went up on the sandbags:—

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He took the statement to the Ministry for guidance. A man there stared at the cable, and said:—

"I can read French and German, but this . . . this thing is all Greek to me."

IN a pub at the Elephant and Castle a customer asked Charlie the barman how he would call time in an air raid warning.

"You can't call through a gas mask," said the customer. "No. I'd use a mallet."

Canary Gives Fire Alarm

MELBOURNE.—A canary saved the lives of eight people when fire broke out in the Colonial Hotel here. Sleeping on upper floors, they were awakened by the twittering of the terrified bird. They were able to leave the building before the flames reached their rooms.

Wanted Nazis To Win War

Youth's Suicide With "Mein Kampf" By His Side

A 17-years-old Birmingham youth, who wanted Germany to be victorious in the war, was not allowed to listen to German propaganda radio broadcasts by his father. Following that he went out on to some waste land and "died alone," with a swastika armband and Hitler's "Mein Kampf" by his side.

This was the remarkable story revealed at a Birmingham inquest on the youth, James Leonard Stott, of Fox Green Crescent, Acocks Green, Birmingham General Hospital, who was found poisoned with potassium cyanide on some waste land near his home recently.

"In such circumstances," commented the City Coroner, Dr. W. H. Davidson, when he recorded a verdict of suicide while the balance of the mind was disturbed, "we must feel a great deal of sympathy for the father of this boy."

The father, Arthur Leonard Stott, said that his son, who left school a year ago, had been a laboratory assistant at the General Hospital. Last Whitechapel, the father added, there had been an explosion in the boy's garden shed laboratory, as the result of which he appeared in Court and was bound over.

A German Revolver

The boy had also been fined for having a revolver in his possession. It was a souvenir revolver which he had brought back from Germany.

The Coroner—Was he in touch with Germany?

Mr. Stott—He was in correspondence with a girl there. He had visited Germany twice. He was introduced to the country by the German mistress at school.

He appeared to develop Nazi tendencies?—No, he didn't get particular Nazi tendencies at all. His nerves were very bad. I put it all down to this girl. He lost control of himself.

It was all right until the German schoolmistress took him to the Continent?—Yes.

From that time he immediately developed the tendencies, Germany instead of his own country?—He was very affectionate towards this girl, and because of that he wanted to be in touch with the country. That was the trouble, this girl. He had a swastika armband, and pendant.

Was he so anxious about Germany that he wanted that country to be successful in this war?—I don't know about that.

The Coroner—But in your statement you say that he was anxious about Germany, and wanted that country to be victorious?

Mr. Stott—Yes, the reason for that was that he thought Hitler a great man, who had done so well for his country.

Wanted To Listen To Radio

Mr. Stott said that his son was reading Hitler's "Mein Kampf." He wanted to listen to the propaganda from the German radio station at Hamburg, but Mr. Stott would not allow it.

"I thought reading that book was enough," declared the father, adding that his son took no particular interest in politics.

His son, added Mr. Stott, had brought the revolver from Germany through the Customs without detection.

The Coroner—He left the house when you switched off the wireless?

Yes. The Coroner—Was he morbid and depressed at times?—Yes, the war made him very depressed for we were fighting his friends, more or less.

Jail Means New Shoes

YOUNGSTOWN.—Roy Collins, of Ardmore, Ohio, doesn't mind if he stays in jail here. Roy, 19, was arrested for train-hopping here. He wore only one shoe and that was lost when policemen arrested him. Police brought Collins a new pair of shoes and a pair of socks.



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Sensational Rome Report Claims Secret Nazi Treaty With Reds For Purchase Of Far East Submarine Fleet

GERMANY ACQUIRES VLADIVOSTOK BASE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Nov. 20. (Domei)—Crediting reliable sources, the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" this morning publishes a sensational despatch from Rome to the effect that a secret agreement has been concluded between Germany and the Soviet Union regarding naval warfare in the Pacific.

"Abominable Weapon" Claims 140 Lives In

Sinking Of Royal Netherlands Mail Liner:

Children Among Victims

BIGGEST SHIPPING DISASTER OF WAR

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuters).—Mrs. Sandiford, wife of a Trinidad banker, and a survivor of the Simon Bolivar, gave an interview in London to-day when she paid a high tribute to the men of the Navy and other ships which dashed to the rescue of the sinking Royal Netherlands Mail Liner Simon Bolivar.

Describing the scene aboard, she said that she had just gone down to the cabin to get some things for her daughter Jean.

She was unable to get the cases open, so she sent Jean for her father.

Soon afterwards there was a terrific explosion.

She staggered out through the darkness. The passage was filled with steam. She got to the top deck and found her husband injured.

She was told that he was twice thrown up into the air by the explosion.

A swift search revealed Jean, who was dazed and the three clambered into the same lifeboat.

The sun deck was awash when Chief Officer Smit left it.

Heroic Scottish Nurse

In the lifeboat was a Scottish nurse who, despite the fact that her own back was injured, began in a business-like manner to attend to injuries of the others and to make them comfortable.

Mr. Sandiford believed that a number of people forward and below must have been trapped.

"In the passage I saw several crawling out of their cabins. Some of them must have been stewards. I don't know how they could have escaped because there was nobody down there to pull them out."

Then An Air Raid Warning

"After we landed, we were in a waiting room when an air-raid warning was given."

"Everybody was taken down into shelters and some were carried in stretchers."

"Among the passengers who jumped into the sea was a girl returning home after finishing school on the Continent. She got into a lifeboat but told me that as nobody lowered a boat she decided to jump for it."

Saturated With Oil

One of the problems of the nurses and doctors was the vast and tenuous quantities of oil with which the survivors were covered.

The hospital authorities had to make an emergency application for an issue of petrol for cleaning.

120 Lives Lost

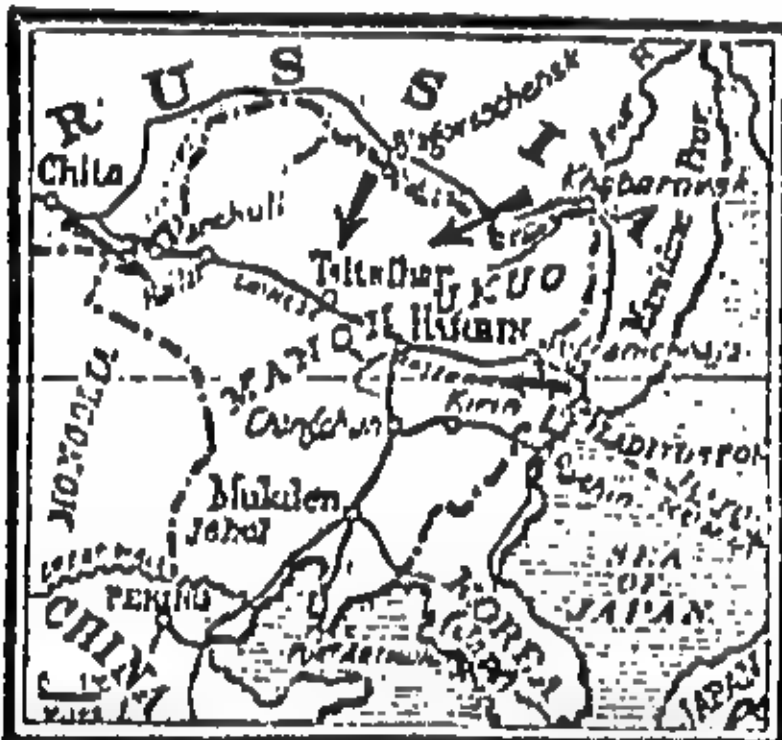
LONDON, Nov. 19. (Reuters).—About 400, mostly Dutch, but including 70 Britons, were on board the Netherlands liner Simon Bolivar.

PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

According to this source, Soviet Russia has agreed to place Vladivostok at the disposal of German commerce raiders.

Half the existing Soviet submarine fleet in the Pacific, said to total altogether seventy vessels, will be sold to Germany.

Questioned regarding the report, a spokesman of the Foreign Office this morning



admitted knowledge of it but said that it was by no means confirmed.

The Rome correspondent of the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" declares that rumours of the secret Russo-German agreement covering naval operations in Far Eastern waters are circulated with great persistence in Italy.

The agreement, according to the correspondent, specifically provides for the acquisition of Soviet submarines and bases for operations against British and French shipping in the Pacific Ocean, the China Sea and the Indian Ocean.

Sailors Already Enroute? According to the correspondent, a large contingent of German naval officers and men are already enroute to Vladivostok by the trans-Siberian Railway.

Upon arrival they will take over about 20 Soviet submarines, the correspondent says.

Other reports from Rome state that the German "pocket battleships" Deutschland and Admiral Scheer are already in Pacific and Indian Ocean waters, and the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" correspondent reports that it is possible that they will proceed to Vladivostok in co-operation with the "German" forces which will operate from there.

Communal Riots In Bombay

BOMBAY, Nov. 20 (Reuters).—Six Hindus and five Muslims were killed in a serious communal riot in Bombay, Presidency yesterday.

The disturbance began when Hindu shops were set on fire by Muslims.

A curfew has been imposed in the district.

An interesting feature of the Belgian "Maginot Line": steel railings, strengthened by supports as a barrier to tank attacks.

BELGIUM RELEASES MEN FROM FRONT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, Nov. 18 (UP).—The relaxation of last week's tension was reflected to-day when thousands of Belgian soldiers entrained for their homes on account of the re-establishment of the usual three days furlough every month.

Thousands of people thronged the streets to-day, doing their Christmas shopping and crowding the cafes, restaurants and cinemas.

Official quarters take a grim view of the possibility of a German invasion of Holland or Belgium.

The Belgio-Dutch peace mediation offer is now officially admitted to have failed.

"MYSTERY" WARSHIPS Japanese Excited At Strangers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" YOKOHAMA, Nov. 20. (Domei).—The Dutch steamer Tjiselak, which entered port at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Osaka, reveals that she sighted a mysterious two-masted cruiser, painted white, eight miles south of the Luzon Peninsula on the Pacific coast of Japan proper.

The captain of the Dutch steamer reported the matter to the harbour master this morning.

The existence of the mystery cruiser was confirmed by the captain of the Japanese freighter Yezan Maru who also reported to the harbour master this morning that a mystery cruiser of unknown nationality was sighted about 20 miles south of the Luzon point at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

It is incidentally revealed that the N.Y.K. liner Kunishima Maru also sighted a large-size green submarine of unknown nationality in the channel between Shikoku and the main island of Japan early in the morning of November 18.

NAZI PROTEST TO TURKEY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Nov. 19 (UP).—The German Ambassador at Ankara, Herr Franz von Papen, has protested to the Turkish Government against a report published in an Istanbul newspaper, "The Tan", that the German Ambassador told the Rumanian Ambassador at Ankara that Germany is willing to help Rumania in erecting a Slegfried line at the Russian frontier.

A report from Istanbul to the semi-official D.N.E. news agency says that this is typical of the reports aimed at disturbing the good Soviet-German relations.

Ruthless Nazi Purge Still Continuing

LONDON, Nov. 20 (Reuters).—Reports from Vienna indicate that reprisals following the Munich bomb explosion are being conducted ruthlessly in Bavaria.

The reports state that more than 5,000 arrests have been made.

Prisoners are being kept awake at nights by the noise of shots, which give the indication that executions are continuous.

Austrian sources declared that a purge is in progress after the style of that in June, 1934, except that the new purge is far more brutal.

Czechs Cowed? LONDON, Nov. 20. (Reuters).—It is reported from Prague that hitherto there has been no violent reaction to the Gestapo executions.

Repressive measures continue and arrests also continue on a large scale.

It's A War Of Words

All Talk, But No Action

Some Left Jabs By The British Navy

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuters).—The war seems to be going on in every Chancellery, legation and council room, but with little incident on land, sea or in the air, said the B.B.C. military observer from Davenport to-day.

There is talk on both sides and threats from one—but little apparent action.

One has the impression that Hitler and Ribbentrop are queuing in every direction in working out plan after plan, only to be told by their soldiers and airmen that the plan will not work.

Winning At Sea?

Neutrals are less alarmed than they were, while the Allies are covering up and unloading a left poke to the body every now and again.

Needless to say this "left" is the Navy, which is fighting the enemy steadily and remorselessly and with no wearing off.

The really vital sphere at the moment is the sea and it is here that the enemy is losing most dearly.

There is also rather more aerial activity.

The Shetlands Raid

The most interesting event, of course, has been the raid on the Shetland Islands by four aircraft which dropped bombs, doing only trifling damage, on November 13.

This was the first raid in which bombs were actually dropped on British soil.

It was probably an experiment to see how the bombers carried their loads over that long distance and how they fared.

As they got away, the German propaganda machine has made much of the flight and has circulated a quite unfounded tale that British flying boats were destroyed, and a cruiser "probably" damaged.

That word "probably" is an unusually neat touch as it almost—but not quite—gives an air of reality to the cock-and-bull story.

Bowaro Next Full Moon

There may be some air raids at the next full moon.

The R.A.F. has carried out a series of daylight raids over Germany, not without loss to it is true, but bringing back over 100 detailed photographs of objectives, including aerodromes, as trophies.

On land, nothing much has happened, save in one case when a German battalion broke into a French outpost line only to come under costly fire from the heavy artillery of the Maginot Line.

FRENCH NAVY'S SUCCESSES

PARIS, Nov. 19 (Reuters).—A French communiqué states that during the last four weeks of the war, the tonnage of German merchantmen captured on the high seas by French patrols exceeded by several thousand tons the tonnage of French merchantmen lost through enemy action.

Poles, Czechs Confer

Two Victims Of Nazi Aggression

LONDON, Nov. 20 (Reuters).—Before returning to Paris yesterday, General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, had long discussions with Dr. Eduard Benes on Saturday.

General Sikorski was also in conference with Dr. Hecda, the former Czech Foreign Minister.

Before leaving, General Sikorski re-emphasised Poland's determination and collaboration with the Allies.

He had been deeply moved by the sympathy and encouragement he had received in Britain, notably from their Majesties the King and Queen.

He said a powerful reconstituted Polish army would soon be ready.

LATEST

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ANOTHER DANCE FOR "PUKKA POONA SAHIB"?

LONDON, Nov. 20 (UP).—The war has produced a new dance. It is called the "Blackout Stroll."

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German Plane Over Italy

Crash Reveals Presence Of Intruders

LONDON, Nov. 20, (Reuter).—A German military plane crashed yesterday in Northern Italy.

No explanation of its presence in the area is forthcoming. Two of the four members of the crew were arrested by the Italian authorities, but the other two escaped and are the object of a watch in the border.

Over Holland, Too

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 20 (Reuter).—A clash between a Dutch fighter and a German machine yesterday revealed the presence of intruders in the incident reported on Saturday.

The Dutch plane was sent up when a further report came that there was an exchange of machine gun fire before the German succeeded in getting away.

The Netherlands Government has lodged a further protest. Belgium is protesting about a clash on a bigger scale over Belgium in which several Belgian pursuits and Nazi reconnaissance planes returning from France were concerned.

DOCTOR'S CAR STOLEN

Dr. E. W. J. Sun, of No. 4 Babinington Path, had his car No. 2823, valued at \$3,000, stolen from outside his garage in Bonham Road yesterday.

Nazi Train Disaster

BERLIN, Nov. 19 (UP).—Nine people were killed and twenty injured when the Berlin-Hamburg express collided with a local train near Spandau.

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The Meeting is open to all persons interested in the work of the Society.

ANN CROZIER,
Hon. General Secretary.

SURVIVORS' DRAMATIC STORIES

(Continued from Page 1.)

ed in Great Britain without the necessary permission; therefore, until the technical side has been cleared up, everyone is excluded from the hotel.

Saved A Baby

Joan Trestell, among the first to leave the hotel, said: "I was on the upper deck sitting in a chair playing with a friend's baby. Without warning, there was a terrific explosion and I was knocked off the chair. People all around me were knocked down. They laid every-

where. I lost my lifebelt and made for a lifeboat, but it was damaged and there was no one who could manage to get it launched.

"We were thrown into the water and I had to swim 20 minutes in the clothes that I am now wearing.

"My friend, clutching the baby, swam with me. Then a vessel came alongside and threw off a raft. We got on it and were afterwards taken aboard."

Inside the hotel the survivors were under guard. Most of them bore obvious traces of their ordeal and many women were wearing men's jackets and overcoats.

Official circles said that the Simon Bolivar unquestionably struck a German mine. There were no British mines in the vicinity.

A Pirate Mine

British mines are laid in accordance with international law. When the British laid mines at sea they are not on the surface because of a sinker attached by a chain. Inside the cylinder of the mine is a piston with a spring attached and the piston is pulled down against a spring of the mooring. If the mooring is broken as a result of heavy weather, or a mine sweeper cuts through it, the spring works and pushes the plunger up automatically. Thus, the mine cannot be exploded.

One mine authority said, "All British mines are like that, the moment they part from their moorings they are automatically rendered safe. This is not the case, we know, of all German mines."

DISAPPOINTED

German Military Mission Fails

ANKARA, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The German Military Mission has left Turkey for home.

It is reported that the order for their return was made personally by Hitler himself.

Many Germans, both officials and private individuals, have already left Turkey.

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BIGGEST SHIPPING DISASTER OF WAR

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when she was hit by two German mines in the North Sea on Saturday. It is feared that 140 have lost their lives.

Of the survivors, 50 were badly injured and received first aid attention from doctors and nurses on the quayside before being removed to hospital.

Six Babies Rescued

Survivors also included 15 children and six babies in arms, most of them being accommodated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London.

According to the survivors, explosion of the first mine killed many outright and flung others into the sea.

The angle of the ship held up the launching of her port side lifeboats. The second explosion shattered a lifeboat as it was nearing the water and killed several people.

The sinking of the Simon Bolivar is the greatest merchant-shipping disaster of the war.

Nazi Planes Sighted

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The London correspondent of the "Amsterdam Telegraph" says that a survivor told him that two German aeroplanes flew over the Simon Bolivar at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Survivors Recover

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The Dutch steamer Simon Bolivar, which struck a mine and sank, left Amsterdam for the West Indies on Friday night.

About 60 or 70 survivors had recovered sufficiently to be discharged from one London hospital this afternoon.

"This Abominable Weapon"

PARIS, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The sinking of the Simon Bolivar has caused a deep impression.

"L'Intransigeant" says that it gives sinister confirmation of the reports that the Germans are despatching the efficiency of their torpedoes, and are going to use submarines as mine-layers.

This abominable weapon is forbidden in international law, but the Germans could not be expected to neglect this form of murder.

Denmark's Anger

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Great anger is expressed in Denmark at the sinking of the Simon Bolivar.

It was only a week ago that Denmark lost her biggest merchant ship through a German mine in the North Sea.

This was the Canada. Her captain believes that his ship struck a magnetic mine.

The vessel sank in shallow water in direct line of steamship traffic. She has already caused the loss of four merchant ships which collided with the wreckage.

Entitled To Protest

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The sinking of the Simon Bolivar is clearly a breach of international law, said Mr. Ivor Jennings in the course of a broadcast on the legal aspects of the disaster from Daventry to-day.

The Dutch Government, he said, would be entitled to make the very strongest of protests to Berlin.

The laying of mines is covered by the 1864 Hague Convention which was signed by Britain, France, Germany and other powers in 1907.

This Convention makes a distinction between anchored and unanchored mines.

Breach Of Treaty

It is unknown what type sank the Simon Bolivar.

If it was an unanchored mine, it was clearly a breach of the Treaty.

If it was an anchored mine which broke loose, there was again a breach of the Treaty.

If it was an anchored mine, the Hague Convention does not apply.

Of course Germany might argue that the Convention does not apply in any case since it was not signed by Holland.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	1,350 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	2,84 n.
Chartered &	8 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. &	28 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. &	11 1/2 n.
East Asia &	71 n.

INSURANCES

Canlon &	205 b.
Union &	300 n.
China Underwriter &	1 1/4 n.
H.K. Fire &	175 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases &	70 b.
Steamboats &	12 n.
Indo-China, P.S.	60 n.
Indo-China, D.S.	60 n.
Shells (Reuters) &	53 1/2 n.
Waterboats &	8.10 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves &	101 1/2 n.
Providence &	18.00 b.
New Eng. Sh.	14.40 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	204 n.

Mining

Kallan &	18/- n.
Raub &	10 n.
Venz. Gold &	4 n.
H.K. Mines &	4 cts. 50

LANDS

Hotels &	4.55 n.
Lands &	33 1/2 n.
Lands 4% Deb.	10.30 n.
S'hai Lands Sh.	10.30 n.
Humphreys &	7 1/2 n.
H.K. Realties &	4.20 b.
Chinese Estates &	100 n.

UTILITIES

Trams &	10 s.
Peak Trams (old) &	7.40 n.
Peak Trams (new) &	3.70 n.
Sin Fei &	2.70 n.
Electric &	2.70 n.
China Lights (old) &	7.85 n.
China Lights (new) &	4.3 n.
H.K. Electric &	4.0 1/2 n.
Macao Electric &	18 n.
Sandakan Lights &	11 1/2 n.
Telephones (old) &	20 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) &	18 n.
Tractions &	18/- n.
Tractions (P.F.) &	18/- n.

INDUSTRIALS

Child. Mier. (Ord.) &	14 n.
Child Mier. (Pref.) &	13 n.
Canton Ice &	1 n.
Cements &	14.00 n.
H.K. Ropes &	5 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old) &	19 1/2 n.
Dairy Farms (new) &	10 1/2 n.
Watsons &	8.10 n.
Lane, Crawford &	7 1/2 n.
Sincores &	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) &	1.4 n.
Powell, Ltd. &	1 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. &	22 n.
Sh. Cotton Sh.	17 1/2 n.
Zong Sing Sh.	42 n.
Wing On Sh.	42 n.
Wing On Sh.	42 n.

MISC.

H. K. Entertainments &	6 b.
Constructions (old) &	1.85 n.
Constructions (new) &	1 n.
Libra. Colln. &	89 1/2 n.
C. Gov. 5% 1925 &	102 1/2 n.
G. Bonds &	48 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2% Loan &	100 n.
H. K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan &	97 s.
Marsmans (H.K.) &	15/- n.
Marsmans (H.K.) &	4/- n.

MANILA SHARES

Following are sales and bid prices:	
	Nov. 18. Nov. 20.
Aniakom	45 1/2
Atok	15 1/2
Baguio Gold	34 1/2
Banana	10 1/2
Benguet Cons.	11 1/2
Big Wedge	21 1/2
Iligan Mining	17 1/2
Cons. Mines	20 1/2
Consolidated	97 1/2
IXL	28 1/2
Ipo Gold	10 1/2
Manila Cons.	10 1/2
Mambaca Cons.	10 1/2
Mantoloking	10 1/2
Mine Operations	10 1/2
North Camarines	14 1/2
Nov. 21	14 1/2
San Maurelio	75 1/2
Surigao Cons.	10 1/2
Synthetic Invest.	10 1/2
United Paracels	31 1/2

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz report on the Manila market:

There was selective buying and the Manila Gold Share market was steady at the close of a firm morning session. Better action was seen after last week's dullness with gains ranging from fractions to 10 cents. The average was up 2.17 on an improved volume.

Benguet Consolidated sold at 10 centavos over Saturday's closing bid and San Maurelio sold at 5 centavos above the previous bid. Iligan was up 1 1/2 centavos while one-centavo rises were seen in Aniakom and Coco Grove.

Nov. 18. Nov. 20. Morning Morning
Volume of business done 41,000 Ps 264,200
Gold Share Average 75.84 75.81

But here the customary International Law applies. Neutral passenger or cargo ships may not be sunk by any means whatever.

The British Admiralty informs neutrals of the presence of minefields and only lays those which become harmless on breaking loose.

Indiscriminate laying of mines in the open sea is directly contrary to International Law, concluded Mr. Jennings, but in 1914 the German ship Konigin Luise was sunk while laying mines in the open sea.

ON successive days a Lieutenant of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve has saved two damaged merchant vessels from sinking.

In one case, working frantically with a small hacksaw, he cut through the heavy anchor chain of a ship that was heeling over.

He got the vessel free with only minutes to spare.

A few weeks ago he was working as an ordinary business man, catching the 8.15 every morning to his office.

Formerly he was in the Mercantile Marine.

Now he is back at sea, acting as a boarding officer of the contraband examination service at a Western port.

Deserted Steamer
On the first of the two days he sighted a large steamer in the distance, damaged and filling slowly. The examination steamer made for her at full speed and, climbing on board, the officer found the vessel deserted.

He called for volunteers from his crew and got towing lines across to the damaged ship.

Then they brought her back to be beached at the harbour entrance.

A day later the officer was ordered to the rescue of a large steamer that had struck a mine ten miles away.

He discovered her filling slowly and starting to heel over.

Survivors were picked up from their boats, and then the lieutenant boarded the vessel.

Anchored Herself
The engine-room was awash to the manoeuvring platform, while the shock of the explosion had caused the ship to anchor herself.

The anchor could not be weighed, so, despite the bad weather, the presence of mines and the increasing darkness, the officer decided to cut the cable.

The only available instrument was a hacksaw, borrowed from a tug. Working feverishly with this, he and his men sawed through a link and the cable thudded out through the hawser pipe to the bottom.

Tugs took the vessel in tow, and mine-sweepers led the way shorewards for yet another ship to be safely beached.

Britain Buys Cotton

CAIRO, Nov. 20 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the British Government has agreed to buy from Egypt all the cotton which, before the war, was sold to Germany.

POST OFFICE

A revised edition of the Hongkong Post Office Guide is on sale at all Post Offices price \$1.00.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

Christmas and New Year Cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces, for all countries.

Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces.

Envelopes must not be closed.

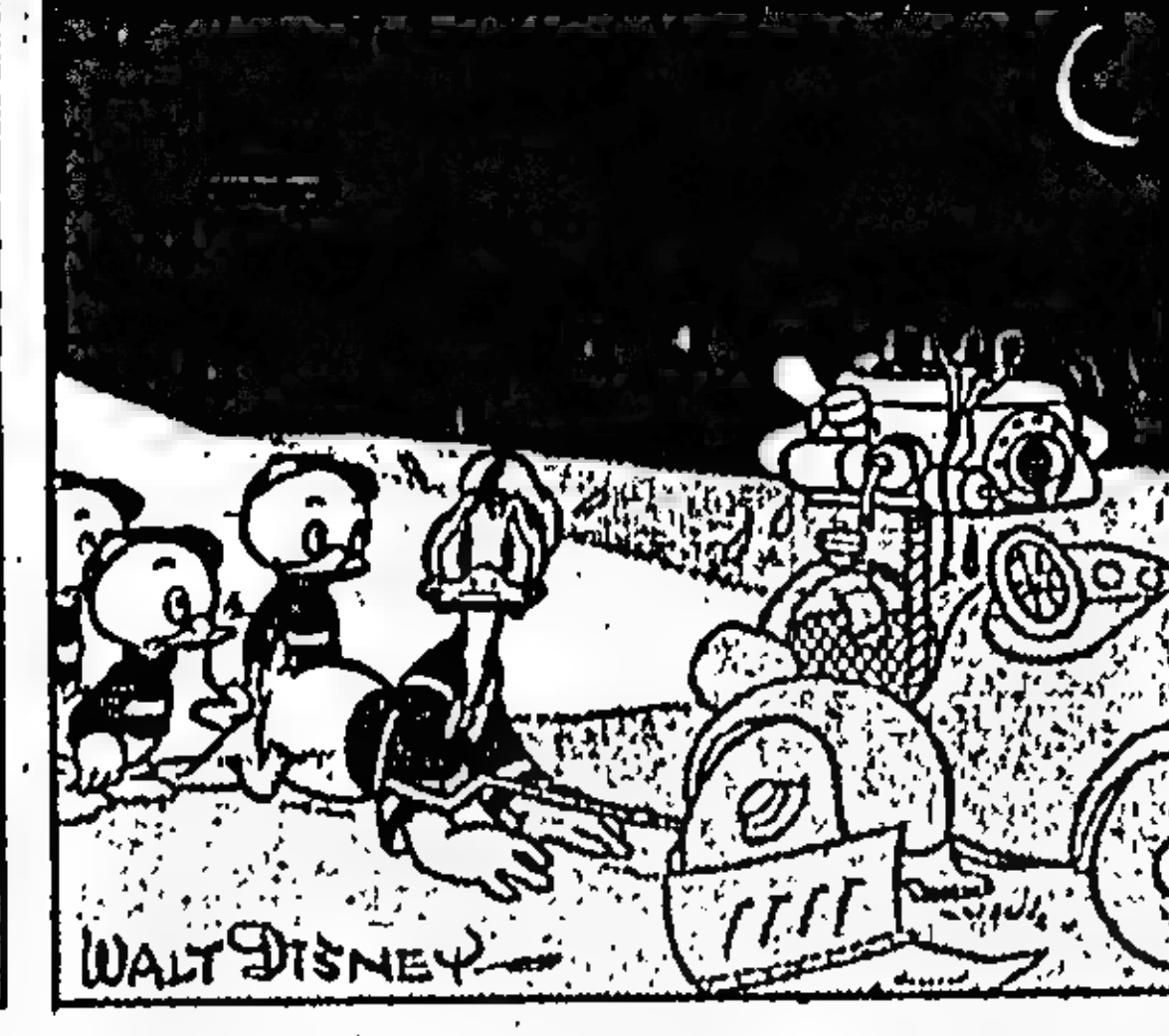
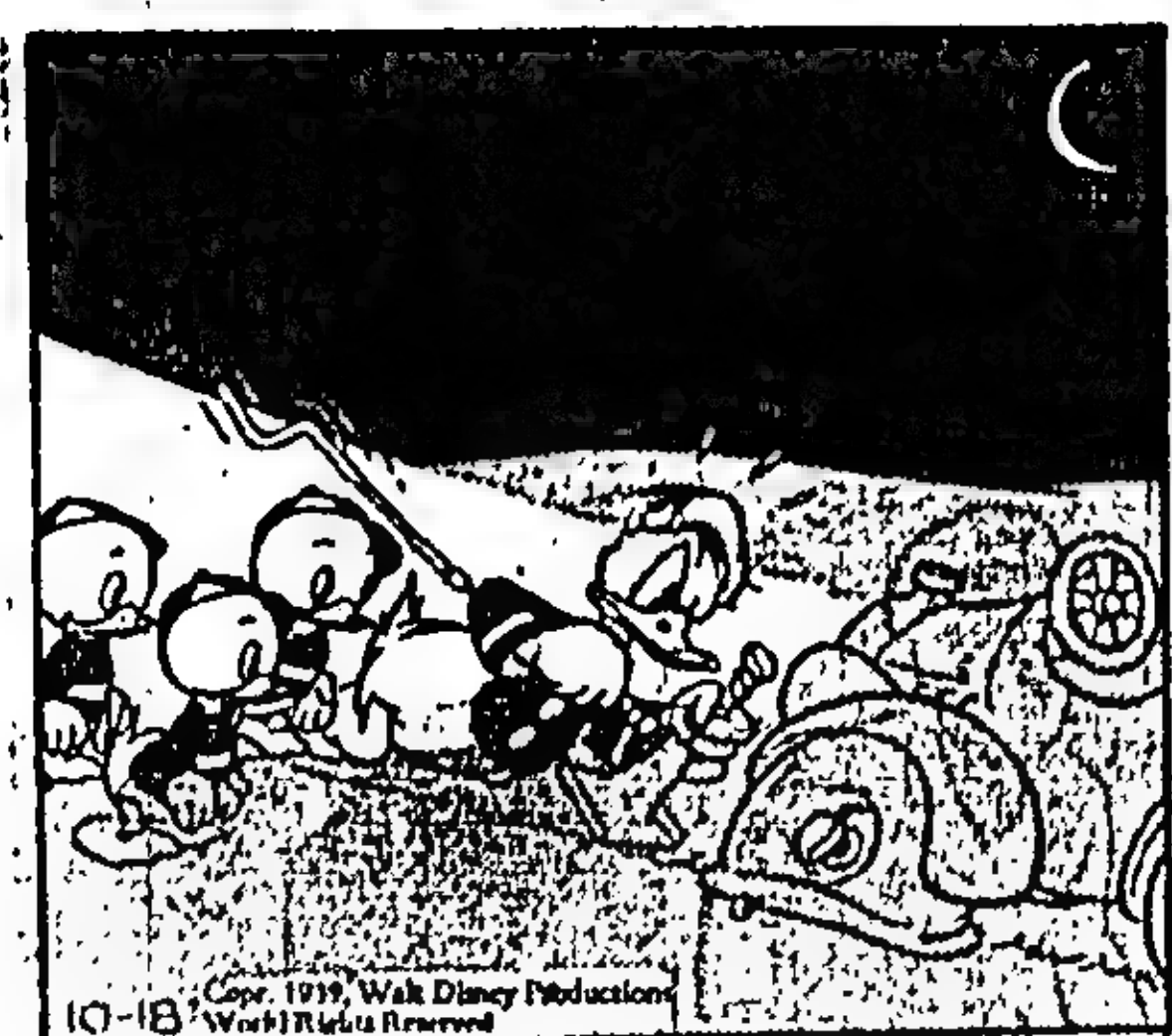
OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

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Amoy Nov. 20.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 11th Nov.

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Why Baltic States Are Feeling Pressure

SOVIET IS SEEKING INLAND RUSSIAN 'SEA'

LONDON. — Conversion of the Baltic Sea into a Russian lake from the East Prussian-Lithuanian border northwards, together with a benevolent neutrality over the Gulf of Bothnia appears to be the newest result of the Soviet-German Pact and Germany's preoccupation with the Western Front.

This is clearly the only interpretation explaining the visits of representatives of Estonia, Latvia, Finland and Lithuania to Moscow. All of them have gone in a similar way as the Lithuanian Foreign Minister went to Berlin before the handing over of Memel to Germany. The only result can be that Moscow will dominate the whole Baltic area it had in 1914.

The Soviets are certainly pursuing exactly the policy which one could have imagined Central Russia following. One of their first steps appears to have been the acquisition of an ice-free port on the Baltic at Libau, enabling Russia to develop a Baltic fleet and mercantile marine.

Russia has already used Estonia to establish naval bases and air fields. Lithuania is sending its Foreign Minister to Moscow. The Soviets presumably have no special demands on that country since it has no possible sites for naval bases and only a very short coastline. But it has a common frontier with Russia, and it is probable that its new Russian protector will expect that Lithuania, like the other Baltic countries, will establish a Soviet system of Government. In return Lithuania appears to hope for the return of Vilna which Poland took from it and which is now part of Russian Poland. This would be a small sacrifice for securing Lithuania as an outpost against Germany.

Germany's Impotent Consent

In this connection it is hard to believe that Russia's present actions in the Baltic are done with Germany's consent, except such consent as an impotent partner must always give. Examination of the map will show too how dangerous Russia can be to Germany's Baltic connections with Scandinavia, especially with Sweden, which are all important just now since the Reich is drawing from there most of its supplies of iron ore, now that overseas sources are closed to it. Finland is also hurrying to make peace with Moscow. But whether it be to-day or next week there is no doubt but that its position is such that this action must be taken sooner or later.

KING'S NEXT CHANGE

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CHUNGSHAN FIGHTING

Chinese troops have taken to the rivers and creeks of the Chungshan district in their relentless guerrilla activity against the Japanese.

NEW AREA PROHIBITED

Iron Or Steel Vessels In Tathong Channel

As from to-day, according to a Naval advice, all small craft (including lighters) constructed of iron or steel, and wooden craft, if loaded with iron or steel, are prohibited from proceeding south of the anti-submarine boom or north of a line drawn across the entrance to the Tathong Channel from Cape D'Aguilar towards the South Nine Pin Island in a direction 000°, without special permission.

Independence Celebrated

Latvia Is Pleased With Situation

KAUNASE, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—In a broadcast on the twenty-first anniversary of Latvia's independence, the President of Latvia said that the country was now in a better position and its forces stronger.

The Non-Aggression Pact with Soviet Russia has reinforced the security of her frontier and the friendly stationing of troops in Latvia has been successfully accomplished.

Spending of the repatriation of Germans, he said that despite the economic difficulties caused by this step, it had benefited the country in a political sense.

Her relations with Germany were now on a firm footing as regards national questions.

Legation Mourns Czech Murders

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—The Czech Legation at Washington and the Czech consulates throughout the United States lowered their flags to half mast when they received the news of the murder of Czech youths by the Nazis.

Such action for ordinary citizens has not been carried out for many years.

Czechs Will Rise And Strike.

Commenting on Germany's mass arrests of Czechs, the "New York Times" says that now Germans have shown their dragon's teeth, they have given the Czechs a sacred cause which they will never forget.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

UNDER the slogan "Less study and more work," German women students are told that they must register for employment on the land.

"Professional attainments are not the main requirement just now," says the order on the subject issued by the Education Ministry.

GERMAN women have another cause for grumbling. Food rationing is bad enough, with professional people's rations fixed at starvation levels.

But the rationing of silk stockings, both natural and artificial, is equally severe. It is threatening as it will put it "to make the ladder the badge of the Nazi woman instead of the Swastika."

THE different grades of rations are having one curious effect. They are driving scores of black-coated Germans into a search for heavy manual labour.

The reason? Only the manual labourer's grade of rations comes near to the amount of food on which a normal human being can exist.

THE ordinary man's distrust of the authorities is increased by the shortness of commodities which had been officially declared to be plentiful. Thus, it had been given out that there were huge stocks of potatoes in the country. Yet the rationing has been increased by 15 per cent.

PARTLY such shortages have been due to Germany's anxiety to maintain her exports. For this reason, it is explained, no improvement in road transport is to be expected. To Hungary alone German manufacturers must deliver 15,000 motor-cars before next April 1, and the authorities insist on the fulfilment of this and other such obligations.

HIP and haw tea was recommended as an excellent substitute for real tea by the German radio yesterday in a talk to German housewives.

The talk urged the collection of hips and haws, new ripe in the hedgerows. It explained that they contain more vitamin C than black-currants or oranges, and can be used for "delicious jams, soups, sauces and tea."

ONE last piece of irony. Despite their meagre rations, Germans still have to consume their one-dish dinners on Sundays.

The money saved will be collected, as before, and go to the Winter Help Fund—for the starving.

When the time comes, the Czechs will rise and strike, and the young men who have just died will march at the head of their battalions.

NEW I. R. A. OUTRAGE

Four Bombs Explode In Piccadilly

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Nov. 18 (UP).—The first bomb outrage since the institution of the wartime blackouts occurred in the Piccadilly area to-day.

Four bombs attributed to Irish terrorists, exploded at intervals. No injuries are reported and there was no panic although thousands of theatre-goers rushed to the scene.

The show windows of several Piccadilly shops were blown out and the sound of the explosions was mingled with the shrieks of hysterical women.

Two additional bombs were rendered harmless before they could explode.

50,000 CZECHS ARRESTED

PARIS, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Fifty thousand arrests have been made in Bohemia and Moravia since Friday, according to a despatch from the Austrian frontier.

It is reported that the arrests included "certain political personages."

NEUTRALS HORRIFIED LONDON, Nov. 19 (British Wireless).—Such extracts from neutral Press relating to Nazi action in Czechoslovakia in the last few days as have so far reached London indicate that the extreme severity of the measures resorted to have been taken to repress expressions of nationalist sentiment and popular discontent has incurred the disapproval of neutral observers.

The Netherlands newspaper "Middag" argues that brutal measures never have practical results, while the Danish "politiken" finds it surprising that a regime which has built itself up on a thesis of the strength of national bond should underestimate the strength of national feeling in another case.

Hitler's Manifesto To Nazi Farmers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Nov. 18 (UP).—Herr Hitler has issued a manifesto to the German peasants, saying: "The harvest work this year is now finished."

"The seed for the coming year is already in the ground, despite unfavourable weather and shortage of manpower."

"The German people thank their farmers for this great work, which is of decisive importance in this fight which has been forced upon us."

Eden And Belisha Report On Western Front

We Are Winning Comfortably

Troops Fixity Of Purpose Noted

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for the Dominions, broadcasting in French to-day, referred to the recent visit he made to the Front on November 16.

He said that the dominant note wherever he went was the quiet determination of the males and females, young and old, civilians and soldiers everywhere, and their fixity of purpose and determination this time to make an end of the recurrent wars of aggression.

Final Victory Assured "No one doubts final victory, and that with it a new page in history must be turned," he said.

As regards the Maginot Line and the patience and thoroughness with which France completed her defences and trained her armies, Mr. Eden declared: "Thus not for the first time in history, France has placed all civilisation in her debt."

Cheerful B.E.F.

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—"The men of the British Expeditionary Force are all cheerful, their health is good, and I am confident that we are winning the war comfortably," said Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the British War Minister, before he left the British Front to-day.

Visit To Front Line

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Nov. 18 (UP).—Last Saturday, Mr. L. Hore-Belisha, the Minister of War, visited Tommy up in the line and concluded that the Army in the field was of excellent morale and magnificently equipped and ready for action at a moment's notice.

He saw mimic battles in the muddy fields behind the advance lines, inspected tanks, stores, shells, and pill boxes. One Tommy shouted, "Good old Belisha. When's the war going to start?"

Mr. Belisha enjoyed the quips, laughed and joked with the men, inquired into their welfare and explained how they would be able to enjoy Christmas leave provided the enemy did not attack.

General Sir John Dill accompanied Mr. Belisha, and explained the strategic positions and fortifications. Wading ankle deep in the clay slush in the fields, inspecting the anti-aircraft dugouts, Mr. Belisha said, "You still get plenty of mud here."

Mr. Belisha visited some of the men who were having an outdoor dinner. The soldiers were obviously pleased to see the War Minister as a matter of fact, they are always pleased to see any visitor because it breaks the monotony of digging trenches and marching.

Besides the unceasing watch on the sky for enemy planes.

Christmas Is Topic

The chief topic of the soldier, now, is Christmas. I visited an Army post-office where they handle anything from 6 to 10 million letters during four or five days in the rush periods.

The Chief at the Army post-office said, "We are getting out one hundred letters from the London Central Post-Office. They will be here in khaki within a few days to lend a hand. We also will get additional help from the units here."

The Army has introduced a system of the last war for special envelopes for confidential letters.

The envelopes "bear the words: 'I certify on my honour that the contents of this letter deals with family and private matters only.'"

This type of envelope is mostly used by the Tommies for love letters. It is only natural that he will not let himself go when he knows that the Commanding Officer, in the capacity of Censor, will read his letters.

The special envelopes assure that the letter will not be read until it reaches the base, and perhaps not at all. In any case, the officer who read the outpourings of the Tommies heart will never know the man who wrote the pulsating lines.

ITALY DENIES INTERFERENCE

ROME, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Reports that Italy has informed the German Government that she is interested in preserving the neutrality of Belgium and Holland are authoritatively denied here.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1889.
Amateur Dramatic Club
Grand Christmas Pantomime
All Baba and the Forty Thieves
Opium Market
New Malwa, per picul \$670
(Allowance, Teels 32) \$680 to 690
Old Malwa, per picul \$680 to 690
(Allowance, Teels 32) \$647 1/2
New Patna, per chest \$520
(without choice) \$520
New Patna, per chest \$500
(first choice) \$500
(bottom) \$500

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1914.
The Admiralty publishes H.M.S. Glasgow's report of the Chilean coast battle, from which it appears that the enemy was sighted at a distance of twelve miles. The Good Hope signalled to the Canopus that she was going to attack with the Monmouth, the Glasgow and the Otranto. Five minutes after sunset when the English ships were silhouetted against the after-glow, the enemy opened fire at twelve thousand yards. The Good Hope and the Monmouth had apparently sunk, the Glasgow escaped in order to avoid destruction.

The Prince of Wales has been gazetted Aide-de-Camp to Field-Marshal Sir John French.

There is great difference of opinion as to how long the war will last, and as to this, of course, it is difficult and unwise to prophesy, but it looks to us at present as if the war was only beginning, six months hence it might be possible to say how long it will last.

London is expecting an air raid by the Germans, and is fully prepared for the same. At night the searchlights are darkened and searchlights are placed at different advantageous points, and no doubt any attempt to raid London will meet with a warm reception.

We have been informed by Mr. Raymond, the secretary of the local stockbroker, Messrs. Aspin, that the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will reopen on Monday next for transactions in Local and London stocks.

The Exchange has been closed since August 1.

The German cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau entered Asia Harbour. The New Zealanders manned the guns and expected a bombardment which, however, did not occur. The attack lasted an hour and left for Tappeto.

10 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1929.
Soviet terroristic enterprises in Manchuria are apparently being conducted on an enormous scale and the situation is serious, heavy damage having been done to the Chinese Eastern Railway.

An official communiqué, cabled from Mukden by Reuter this morning, states that the Russians launched an offensive at 1.30 a.m. on Sunday, the main attack being directed at Manchuli, which was subjected to a bombardment lasting ten hours.

A display of the amazing powers of the Garden-Lloyd Light Armoured vehicle—a species of Whippet tank—was given at Kewloon Rifle Butts this morning before a gathering which included the G.O.C. (Major General J. W. Sandilands), the Inspector-General of Police, and many staff officers and Chinese representatives.

The baby tank is capable of astounding feats, such as climbing the almost sheer walls of earthworks, moving down washed wire, and scaling the sides of steep hills.

All of the onlookers were delighted at the performance, the Inspector-General being very enthusiastic regarding its suitability for local conditions.

5 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1934.
The French War Department to-day makes the startling statement that:

Looking Back In History

TRAGEDY OF 1889 RECALLED

TOKYO, Nov. 19 (Domei).—The fiftieth anniversary memorial services for 581 crew members of the Turkish warship lost when their vessel grounded and sank near Kas-himozaki Lighthouse, in Wakayama Prefecture, took place last week.

The ship was on a goodwill cruise to Japan when the tragedy occurred on November 16, 1889.

The memorial services, held near the site of the sinking, were attended by representatives of the Turkish Embassy in Tokyo and by Mr. Mori, President of the Japan Near East Trade Society of Osaka...

ITALY CAN KEEP OUT OF WAR

ROME, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Signor Virgilio Gudda, writing in the "Voce d'Italia" said that the progress of Italy's economic self-sufficiency was such that it was possible for her to keep out of war.

Italy still has under arms four classes called up last August, and now has approximately 1,500,000 men ready.

Germany, in 1938, will have organized a military army and will have built up an altogether more powerful war organization than she had in 1914.

The German Air Force would be able to muster 5,000 to 4,000 trained pilots and a huge number of machines.

The French War Department states, too, that the great Krupp-works, applicable to their manufacture of guns and that the explosives factories are increasing their output.

Gland Discovery Restores Youth In 24 Hours

Sufferers from loss of vigour, nervousness, weak body, impure blood, failing memory, and who are old and worn-out before their time will be delighted to learn of a new gland discovery by an American Doctor.

This new discovery makes it possible to quickly and easily restore vigour to your system and body, to build rich, pure blood, to strengthen your mind and memory, and to feel like a new man in only a few days. In fact, this discovery which is a home medicine is pleasant, easy-to-take tablet form, does away with gland operations and begins to build new vigour and energy in 24 hours. It is absolutely harmless and natural in action.

The success of this amazing discovery, called Vi-Tabs has been so great in America that it is now being sold in a number of complete satisfaction or money back. In other words, Vi-Tabs must make you feel full of vigour and energy and from 10 to 20 years younger, or you must return the empty package and get your money back. A special, double-strength bottle, costs little and the results are amazing.

Vi-Tabs restores manhood and vitality.

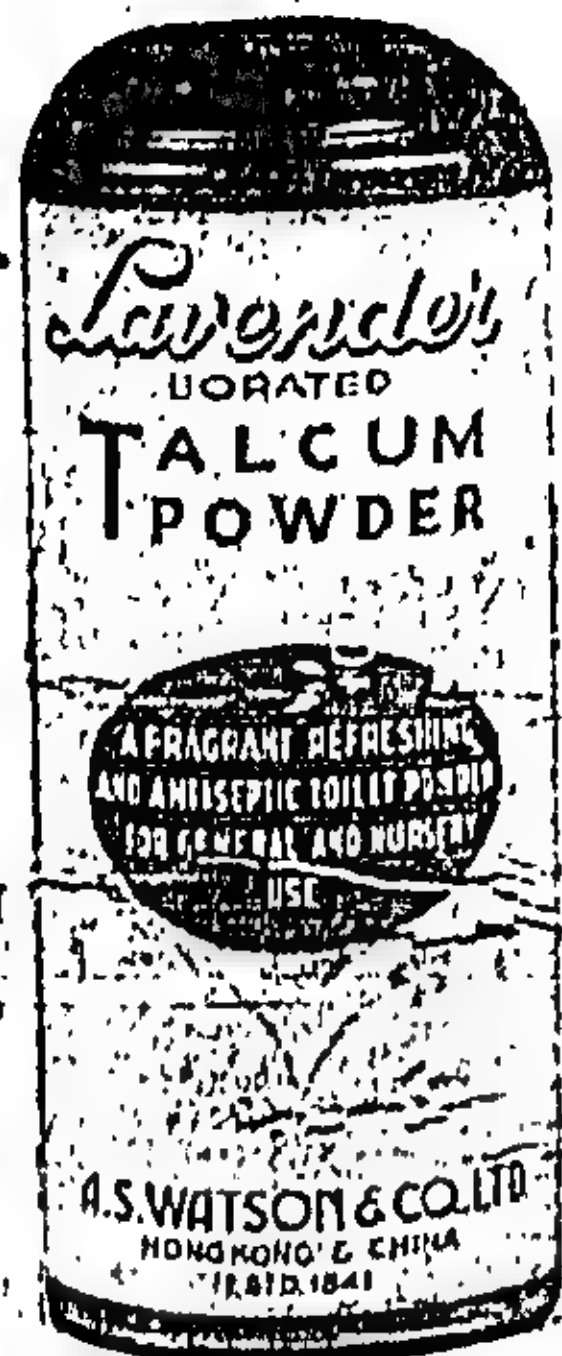
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- HEAR Helletz play the "Zigeunerweisen" (Schubert) (D.B. 284)
- HEAR Rondo, Ave Maria (Schubert) (D.B. 1047)
- HEAR Lawrence Tibbett Sing, Eri Tu. ("Ballo in Maschera") Largo al Fiacento "Barber of Seville" (D.B. 1478)
- HEAR Paderewski Play His Own Minuet Moonlight Sonata, "Beethoven" (D.B. 3123-3124)
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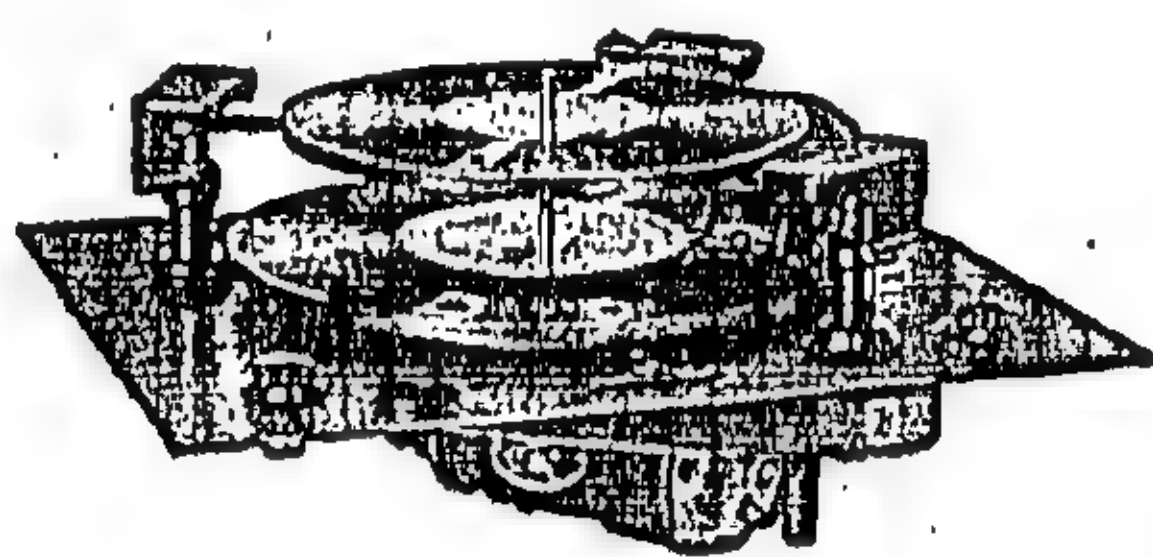
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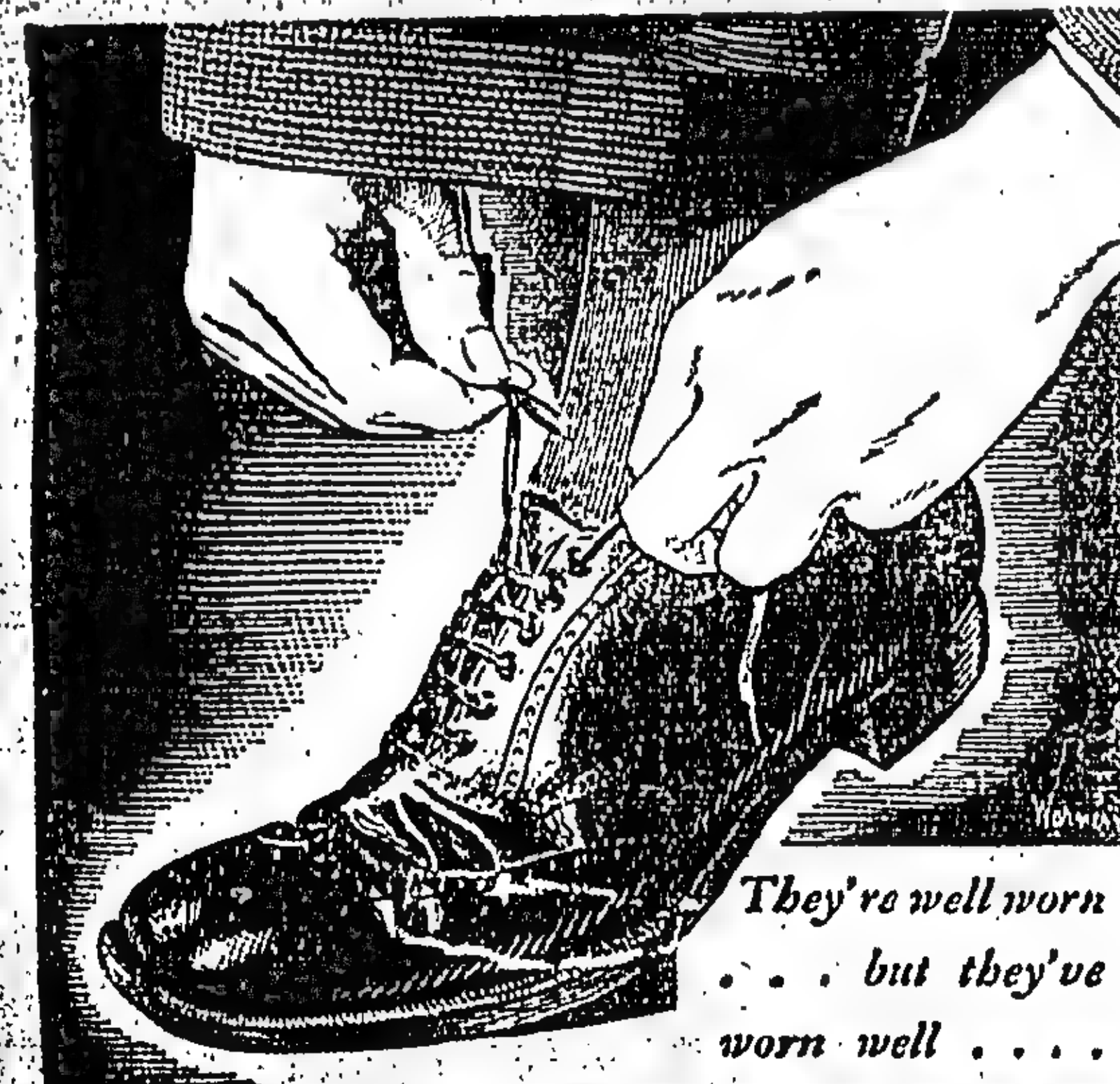
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Imponderables

In times of crisis the matter-minded thinker usually assumes the role of a realist and, in attempting to be prophetic, endeavours to balance ascertainable facts. He predicts success for that side on which he finds the weightiest arguments.

Armaments, success in diplomatic exchanges, the disposition of forces, racial solidarity, and geographical advantages are the weights in his scales. In following this method, however, he can no more prophesy the actual course of events than a speculator with his books of statistics and charts can surely predict the course of the market.

The result is that calculations quickly become subordinated to wishful thinking. Men form their opinions according to their habitual point of view. For this reason it is well not to accept as conclusive arguments based on those supposed determining factors, but to turn one's thought more to those imponderables which in the long run have more influence than "realism" will admit.

Foremost among these comes the actual state of mind of the peoples concerned. The vast majority are wholly opposed to use of force as a means of settling international disputes. There can be no room for doubt on this score.

What of the rulers themselves? Do they believe that by forcing a situation fraught with so much evil they can establish a new set of laws of their own and thrust aside the statutes upon which the order of universe is poised, statutes of which it has been written that "they stand fast for ever and ever and are done in truth and uprightness?"

To desist from the use of force as a means of getting one's own way, which preponderating strength has seemed to assure, may be a hard thing for human pride to swallow, but it may be still harder to disregard the very influential and cogent appeals for peace made in the last few days.

The greatest of all the imponderables, however, is the question of morale, wherever conscience makes either cowards or heroes of us all. However lavishly the bully may be the prospect afforded by a timid and ineffectual opposition, the situation is completely altered when firmness and courage show clearly that supposedly superior force is not to be allowed to have things all its own way.

Such imponderables are crystallising and detaching themselves from the chaotic vapours that faint the air.



THE RUSSIAN QUESTION MARK

Storm Centre
in the West

JUST over four years ago Saarland miners and steel workers shook hands with their friends from France who were going back home over the Lorraine border because, as a result of the Plebiscite, the Saar was returning to the German Reich.

They smiled at each other, clapped each other on the shoulder and said: "We will meet again at holiday times. It is not good-bye."

To-day these same men are divided by the guns and shells that spatter death along the Siegfried Line.

But they never wanted it to happen. The Saarlanders and the French understood each other perfectly.

When the plebiscite was being taken on that freezing January day in 1935 I sat in a cafe in Saarbrücken with a German and a Frenchman, watching the snow swirling down outside.

★ ★
NAZI Brownshirts swaggered on the snowy pavements, hustling timid men and women towards the Nazi headquarters to listen to a wireless talk about the greatness of Adolf Hitler.

The German, a steelworker who was a Saarlander by birth, thumped the table with his clenched fist and said to us: "We will teach these upstarts a lesson soon. They have no manners. Who made them think that every German wanted to be a Nazi?"

The Frenchman sipped his wine and shrugged his shoulders. "You will learn that all Germans must be Nazis," he said, as though speaking to a child.

The Saarlander grumbled that we were making a mistake, for the people of the Saar were Socialists and did not approve of the Nazi methods or creed.

★ ★
THE world knows how the Saarlanders went to the poll next day, and put crosses on their voting papers giving the Saar to Hitler.

Since then they have learnt what it means to be Germans under Nazi rule.

Now the guns are booming in Saarland, where normally a million decent, hard-working miners, steel and iron workers, glass and brewery workers live—folk who have no quarrel with the French or any other people.

Those people remember what happened four and a half years ago when they said "Yes" to the Nazi wooer.

Miners who said openly they did not like the Nazis were told to go and vote—or else . . .

Workers in heavy industries who appeared reluctant were told they would be expected to "vote right" and that a Nazi agent would call to take them to the polling station.

On Thursday, January 17, 1935, I wrote in a dispatch to the Daily Herald:—

"Outbreaks of Nazi terrorism were reported from many parts of the Saar territory to-day.

"I went to-day to the mining town of Dudweiler, where I was taken by an official of the mines to see 40 families who have left their homes and have been given temporary shelter in a big workmen's hut.

"So pitiful was the sight of the children crying for food, that a Swiss

The French Army is digging its heels into the Saar, that rich industrial area which, four years after voting its return to the Reich, finds itself the centre of the Western Front activity. Here

MARY FERGUSON who mixed freely with the Saarlanders during the 1935 plebiscite, tells you about these people who, until 1935, were workmates of the Frenchmen they are now fighting.

An American, another English journalist and I collected some money between us and gave it to the women to buy milk for their children."

★ ★
AFTER writing that report I went to Saargemund. "Every train from Saarbrücken is filled with emigrés—people who are fleeing from their homes because they have spoken in free criticism of what the Nazis are doing," I wrote.

Among other facts about the brutality of the Nazis to Socialist Saarlanders that I learnt were these:—

At Saarbrücken acid was thrown on the face of a man because he was an ardent trade unionist. Socialist leaders in the Saar were told, two days after the plebiscite was taken, that there was no hope of clemency for them.

M. Etienne, one of the Socialist leaders in Neunkirchen, approached the representative of Herr Buerckel, Hitler's Commissioner for the Saar, and tried to get from him a declaration that Socialists in Neunkirchen would not be terrorised.

Herr Buerckel's representative said that this was impossible; that they would follow the example of Germany.

"We will not victimise the mass of the people in your ranks," he added, "apart, of course, from taking their jobs from them and giving them to our own people."

"But we shall certainly not tolerate the trade unions or their societies."

"I would advise you and your fellow leaders to get away as quickly as you can."

All the loose money in the Neunkirchen trade union offices was immediately confiscated by local Hitlerites and handed over to the Nazi Welfare Fund.

Dr. Eugene Feled, editor of a Saarland Labour paper, left after the plebiscite, taking 200 colleagues with him.

★ ★
DURING the night of the plebiscite the home of the French Consul in Saarbrücken was besieged with people who wanted to get away to safety over the Lorraine border and into Forbach.

As the frightened mine and steel workers and their families fled across the borders, grim-faced Nazis took their photographs to add to the Nazi book of horrors.

Thousands fled from their homes, leaving behind them all they owned. Hundreds of thousands played at their jobs and kept their mouths shut. The scorn and hatred they felt for the Nazis was hidden in their hearts, waiting for expression on the day that the world turned on the Nazi brute to drive it out of existence.

Adolf Hitler must be a very worried Leader, because the people of the Saar are, in the main, not his people. They are democrats who love freedom.

Hitler has enemies on both sides of the Saar borders who are just waiting for the Siegfried Line to break.

SAILORS
DON'T LIKE
SWIMMING

"It is surprising how few sailors can swim," said one of the Courageous survivors in the Daily Express.

Certainly the Navy don't do very well in inter-service swimming sports. From 1924-1937 the Navy won three times, the Army won eight times, they dead-ended once, and the R.A.F. won twice.

The explanation is largely that the Navy is too scattered to develop teams of specialists. But it is a fact that sailors rather despise swimming: yet they like rowing, off-duty.

The psychologist explains this apparent contradiction as follows: "Subconsciously the sailor must be frightened of the sea. It is a hostile thing which he is always fighting. Therefore he must strive to remain master of it."

"To concede that he ought to learn to swim would be to concede the possibility of a situation arising in which he would be at the sea's mercy. On the other hand rowing a boat in his spare time strengthens his feeling of mastery."

This sounds a bit far-fetched, but remember we are dealing with the subconscious mind.

The Admiralty's attitude is that a man who can't swim is a potential danger not only to himself but to others. So nowadays every would-be sailor must pass a swimming test in clothes before he is allowed to go to sea. The test includes floating in clothes for five minutes, and is conducted in fresh water to make it more difficult.

Freud's Son
Heads Legion
Of Freedom

IN a house in Westbourne Terrace, Bayswater, in a room furnished only with a large-scale map of dead Austria, met a group of people pledged to resurrect their country from the annihilation she has suffered at the hands of Hitler.

Headed by the eldest son of Professor Sigmund Freud, the great psychologist who died recently, they are enthralling picked men to form an Austrian Legion.

"There are some thousands of us Austrians in Britain, all refugees," said Mr. Freud. "I served for four years in the Great War, first as a volunteer, later as a commissioned officer, and many of us have fought against Britons in the past. This time we want to fight with them."

"We are not willing to see you go and fight against our destroyer and stay here eating your food protected by your arms and snatch what we can get in the way of jobs, careers or money."

"We wish to fight not only for the freedom of Austria but the freedom of the world. Only when Germany—Nazi Germany—is broken can we Austrians build a new Austria."

"RADIO REVIEW" EXEMPT

A notice in the Government Gazette on Saturday exempts the Hongkong Radio Review from the provisions of the Printers and Publishers Ordinance. The Radio Review, which made its first appearance on November 11, is sponsored by the Postmaster General.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"The Old road, was only wide enough for two cars, but this new highway can accommodate four smash-ups and room to spare."

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO PROCURE MURDERERS

"Eternal Triangle" Story Told Court

HOW a lover allegedly endeavoured to get rid of a husband by procuring an assassin was described at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Li Wo, alias Ho Ham, aged 32, was charged with having solicited, encouraged and endeavoured to persuade Yeung Wah, Yeung Choi, Ng Kwong and Ng Hoi to murder Mak Chi-chuen between September 29 and October 8.

The case is being tried by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor and the following jury: Messrs. N. A. Tonoff (Foreman), Tang Tung, C. A. Lopes, Yu Tze-hing, Wong Ki-kwong, Wong Kai-cho and Sung Sheung-kwong.

Prosecuting, Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said the intended victim was Mak Chi-chuen, a timber salesman employed by the Wong Tong Kee firm. About ten years ago, he married Chun Lai. They had four children and the marriage was happy until the middle of this year.

When Trouble Started

Mak usually went to work about 8 a.m. and returned at 11 p.m. About noon on July 20, he returned home unexpectedly and found his wife and accused sitting close together in the verandah. Before he had a chance to say anything, accused got up and left.

Mak then talked his wife and she said accused was her cousin. As he had never heard his wife mentioning accused as her cousin during the ten years of their marriage, Mak was doubtful and a quarrel arose.

From then onwards there was further trouble between the husband and wife, as a result of the latter staying out late, and on one occasion the whole night.

On the morning of October 8, Mak went to a tea house in Mongkok and there found his wife and accused laughing and chatting together inside a cubicle. He went up to them and remonstrated with his wife, who got up and left without saying anything.

Tea House Scene

Mak then turned to accused and said: "This woman you have been sitting with is my wife. What do you mean by chasing after her?"

Accused replied: "What proof have you got this woman is your wife? At any rate what has she got to do with you if I chased after her?"

Accused then got up and made as if to strike Mak, at the same time saying: "Next time, I don't want you to interfere with us going about together. If you do I will take your life." After saying this, accused aimed a blow at Mak, who dodged and blew a police whistle. Accused thereupon ran away.

That same morning Ng Kwong and Ng Hoi went to the Police and gave certain information. As a result of inquiries, the following facts came to light.

Sought Assassin Alleged

On September 27, accused met Ma Sau at Hong Lok Street and asked him if he could get two persons to strike someone. Knowing that accused had been going out with a woman, the man asked: "Strike who, your sweetheart?" Accused replied in the affirmative, and the man then agreed to get two men named Yeung Wah and Yeung Choi to carry out the deed for him.

The next day, the four of them met in a tea house. Accused asked the Yeungs if they could manage it, at the same time saying, "It is over a matter in connection with my sweetheart. I want you two to kill her husband."

Yeung Wah replied, "I don't mind helping you to fight someone but not murder, even if you give me \$10,000." Accused then charged the Yeungs with having come for tea under false pretences. Thereupon, the Yeungs left the tea house and waited outside for Ma Sau to come down. Shortly afterwards Ma Sau and accused came down. Accused again approached Yeung Wah and asked if they were prepared to assist him if he himself carried out the act. They cursed him and left.

Second Attempt

On September 29, accused spoke to Ng Kwong and told him that a friend of his wanted someone to stab someone else. Ng asked what it was all about and was requested not to inquire too much into the matter but just to do what he was told.

Eventually, Ng agreed to take up the job for \$70, and then asked who was the victim. Accused told him it was Chan Sui-hing and that he was employed at the Wong Tong Kee firm. This man Chan turned out to be Mak.

The two kept watch outside the entrance of the Wong Tong Kee firm on three nights in succession, but on each occasion they failed to see their victim. Ng then said he wanted someone to help him and on accused agreeing he recommended Ng Hoi.

On October 5, the three of them went to the Wong Tong Kee firm and this time they saw Mak. Whilst waiting for Mak to come out, the Yeungs asked accused for money and were given \$17. Accused told them: "It does not matter how long you have to wait. When he comes out I

want you to follow him to Kowloon City and there stab him to death."

After saying this, accused left, leaving the Ng's behind. About 11 p.m., Mak came out and walked down the street to a bus stop, followed by Ng Wah, Ngan-wai, Ng Hoi, who temporarily left and whilst Mak stood waiting for the bus, Ng Wah went back and looked for his companion. On their return to the bus stop, Mak had gone.

Thought Matter Over

The next day, the Ng's met accused and told him that the reason why they did not carry out the act the previous night was because Mak was accompanied by a friend. It was then arranged they should go to Kowloon City that evening and when they went there accused asked Ng Wah if he had got the daggers. Ng replied in the negative, saying he had left them with a friend, and was thereupon scolded by accused.

As they had no weapons, they returned to Mongkok, and on the following day accused bought two files from a marine hawk, after which he told the Ng's to meet him at the entrance of Tung Choi Street that night. The Ng's agreed but on thinking over they decided the matter was becoming serious and made a report to the Police.

On instructions, they went to Tung Choi Street where they met accused, who was arrested.

Manslaughter Convictions

Three Cases Tried By Puisne Judge

Prison sentences passed by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions to-day in three separate manslaughter cases, totalled six months and three days.

A youth, Le Hong, was sentenced to three days' imprisonment, the term to take effect from last Friday, and was also placed on a \$100 bond to be of good behaviour for a year.

His Lordship said it was clear from the evidence that there had been no intention of doing any real bodily harm to the dead man who died during a fight with accused.

Judge's Warning

Addressing accused, His Lordship said: "People ought to realise by this time that a blow anywhere in the lower part of the body, in the case of a lower class Chinese, is likely to prove fatal. I hope this matter now will be a lesson to you. You have been in prison for six weeks and I consider that as enough."

Unlucky Affair

Referring to the case of Lai Kwong, His Lordship said this also, in a sense, was an unlucky affair.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, agreed with this view.

His Lordship said the victim was the accused's wife. According to the medical evidence, accused must have used more violence than mere slapping. Mr. Prentis said accused had admitted using a shoe.

To accused, His Lordship said that it was not for the woman's unusually large spleen she would not have suffered any severe injuries when attacked. Crown witnesses had testified that accused had suffered a considerable amount of provocation, abuse and recrimination from his wife for a considerable part of that day.

"Still," continued His Lordship, "there is nothing to excuse the amount of violence with which you retaliated. Had you merely slapped her face or something of that sort, I would have nothing more to say to you, but you struck her with a shoe and witnesses said you struck her on the body. I therefore, sentence you to three months' hard labour."

"Big Man" Sentenced

Said to have been known as "Tai Kau Lo," (big man), Yiu Wai-tim was also sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Justice Lindsell.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that an unusually cussed size seemed to be an unusually size of the victim. The dead man was said to have been smaller than accused.

Mr. Lindsell said that here again, he did not think the Crown would have been so lenient if the evidence showed that the deceased, when accused picked him up, was bending down with the apparent intention of using his clogs in the fight against accused.

Mr. Prentis said evidence on this point was conflicting but it was extremely possible that accused had thought deceased had stooped down with the intention mentioned.

Defendant asked for a light sentence

WOULD HAVE BEEN SHOT IN GERMANY

Chinese Who Stole Military Property

"There are many countries, including your own, where people are shot for interfering with civil, let alone military communications," said Mr. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Ho Sai-cheong, 25, unemployed, was sentenced to ten weeks hard labour for stealing 18 cables of cab-type cables, the property of the Military authorities.

Tse Ping was sentenced to six months hard labour for receiving the stolen goods.

Ho was alleged to have taken the cables laid by Military authorities in Aberdeen and to have sold them to Tse at thirty cents per catty.

Ho was given a lighter sentence as he had helped the police in locating Tse.

JUDGE'S TRIBUTE

To Man Who Thwarted Handbag-Snatcher

"On behalf of the community, I would like to congratulate you on your public spirit in chasing and effecting the arrest of the prisoner. It was a very excellent action taken on your part."

This tribute was paid by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions to-day to Mr. Victor Karpusheff of 188 Nathan Road, who arrested a handbag snatcher in Kowloon recently.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said if Mr. Karpusheff had not caught accused, Wu Kai, he would have probably got away.

Hunger Claim Refuted

Wu admitted a charge of robbery with violence. He alleged that he was driven to the crime through hunger.

His Lordship said in consequence of that allegation he had caused enquiries to be made from the prison doctor when accused was first admitted. The doctor reported that at that time accused's weight was normal and that he was fairly well nourished. This, His Lordship pointed out, belied accused's previous statement.

His Lordship to accused: "On the other hand you have no criminal record and your appearance and your youth is certainly in your favour. 'Again, if you had merely snatched this bag and ran, I should feel more kindly disposed towards you, but you gave the lady whom you robbed a severe blow with the fist.'"

Accused was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the birch.

Amahs Fight Police Officers' Servants In Court

Frequent quarrels between amahs employed by different European police officers residing in Kowloon. City police station have tried the officers' patience, and after two amahs had had a fight on Saturday, they were charged before Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning with disorderly conduct.

Inspector Rogers said Wong Yee and Fung Yee had a quarrel and finally threw water at one another. They were ordered to stop, but as they continued, they were charged.

Wong and Fung were fined \$1 each, and were cautioned to behave themselves.

ORNAMENTS LOST FROM RESIDENCE

Mr. Palmidesi, of Prince Edward Road, reports the loss of silver ornaments valued at \$100 from his residence on Saturday evening.

and said deceased was his good friend.

His Lordship said that appears also from the Crown evidence. On the other hand he was a much smaller man than you and you apparently seized the opportunity when he was bending down, to lift him up head down and throw him on the ground. It appears therefore that you must have at least intended to do him injury.

"On the other hand, you too were obviously unlucky in that your victim fell in such a way on the back of his head and broke his neck. I think justice will be done if I sentence you also to three months' hard labour."

"Your Mind May Be A Little Prejudiced" Says Police Inspector To Magistrate

Mr. Forrest Transfers Illegal Massage Case To Another Court

Massage establishments recently opened up in Hongkong were referred to as either brothels or depots for the supply of prostitutes when Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, prosecuted before Mr. Forrest at Central Magistracy this morning.

Tso Siu-yu, 21, a Shanghai Chinese described as an accountant, pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping an unlicensed massage establishment at the ground floor of No. 127 Lockhart Road, and Mr. Shaftain asked that a serious view of the case be taken.

The premises were raided by Sub-Inspector Green at 9.40 p.m. on Saturday, and a number of escort girls and inmates were found on the premises.

"Before we did take action, we sent a number of detectives round to these massage establishments, and as a result, we have proved that these places are either brothels or depots for the supply of prostitutes," said Mr. Shaftain.

Should Apply For Licence

"If they are genuine, there is no reason why they should not be given a licence. The fact that no attempt has been made to get a licence is to a certain extent proof that they are not genuine massage establishments."

Mr. Forrest: "I know of a case where people with the highest possible references were told they could not get a licence unless they could prove their qualifications."

Mr. Shaftain said he knew of the case referred to by Mr. Forrest, and added that the Police expected that applicants for massage establishments would be qualified for the work.

Projudico Suggested

Regarding the penalty, Mr. Shaftain said that a Magistrate in Kowloon had imposed a fine of \$150 recently for a similar offence, while cases which have appeared before Mr. Forrest have been dealt with by a fine of \$10.

Mr. Forrest said the charge was one of keeping an unlicensed massage establishment, and he could only deal with it as such, unless it was the second offence, which would be a deliberate defiance of the law, and would then be dealt with severely.

Mr. Shaftain: With all due respect I think that in view of your Worship's known attitude, your mind should be a little prejudiced in the matter.

Mr. Forrest said he did not think his mind was prejudiced, but suggested that in view of the circumstances, the case be transferred to another court for hearing. This was agreed to by Mr. Shaftain.

The case was then transferred to Mr. Edwards' Court, and defendant fined \$150.

Dancing Girl Robbed

Charged with the theft of \$500 in Chinese currency from So Siu-lyu, dancing girl, Shung Keong-lan, 21-year-old girl, appeared before Mr. Houston at the Central Magistracy, and was sentenced to four months hard labour.

Shung was alleged to have taken the money from under So's pillow while she was asleep. Shung spent the money on clothes and other personal belongings. Part of the money was recovered.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

BAG SNATCHED IN NATHAN ROAD

Mrs. W. E. Kirby, of Argyle Street, was the victim of a handbag snatcher while walking in Nathan Road on Saturday evening.

Wong Yan, 20, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning when he admitted having snatched Mrs. Kirby's bag.

Det.-Sgt. Baldwin said shortly after 10.30 p.m. Mrs. Kirby was crossing Nathan Road, Wong came up from behind and snatched her bag. He was chased and caught by Mr. Lewis Chan in Parkes Street.

Chinese Score Heavily In West Shansi Drives

"Central News" messages from Shensi received in Hongkong this morning report that further successes have been scored by the Chinese in West Shansi in their sweeping drives against the Japanese.

Shensi, strategic town north-west of Pukien, was recaptured by the Chinese on Saturday. The Japanese near the Kiangsu border, are reported to be fleeing towards Linghu in easterly direction.

To the east of Shensi, the Chinese have retaken two more important points, Tuan-shanling and Newwangmiao, following their occupation of Yitai-fow on November 17.

Areas south of Pukien—themselves referred to Chinese control last week—have now been cleared of remnant Japanese units as the result of Chinese "mopping up" operations.

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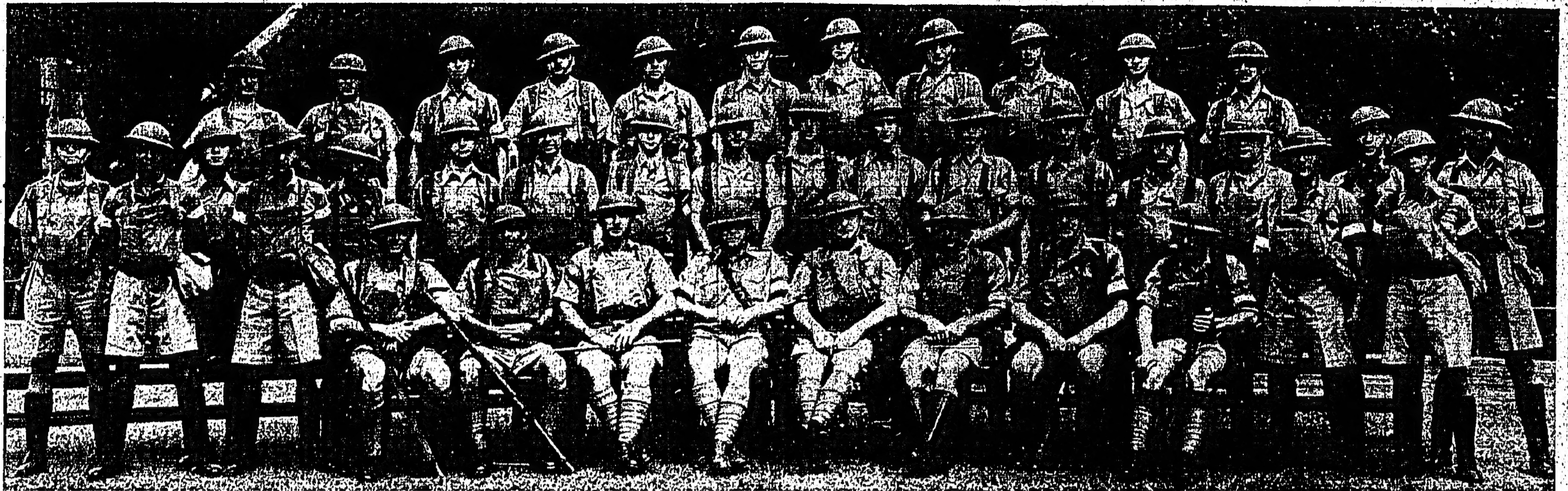
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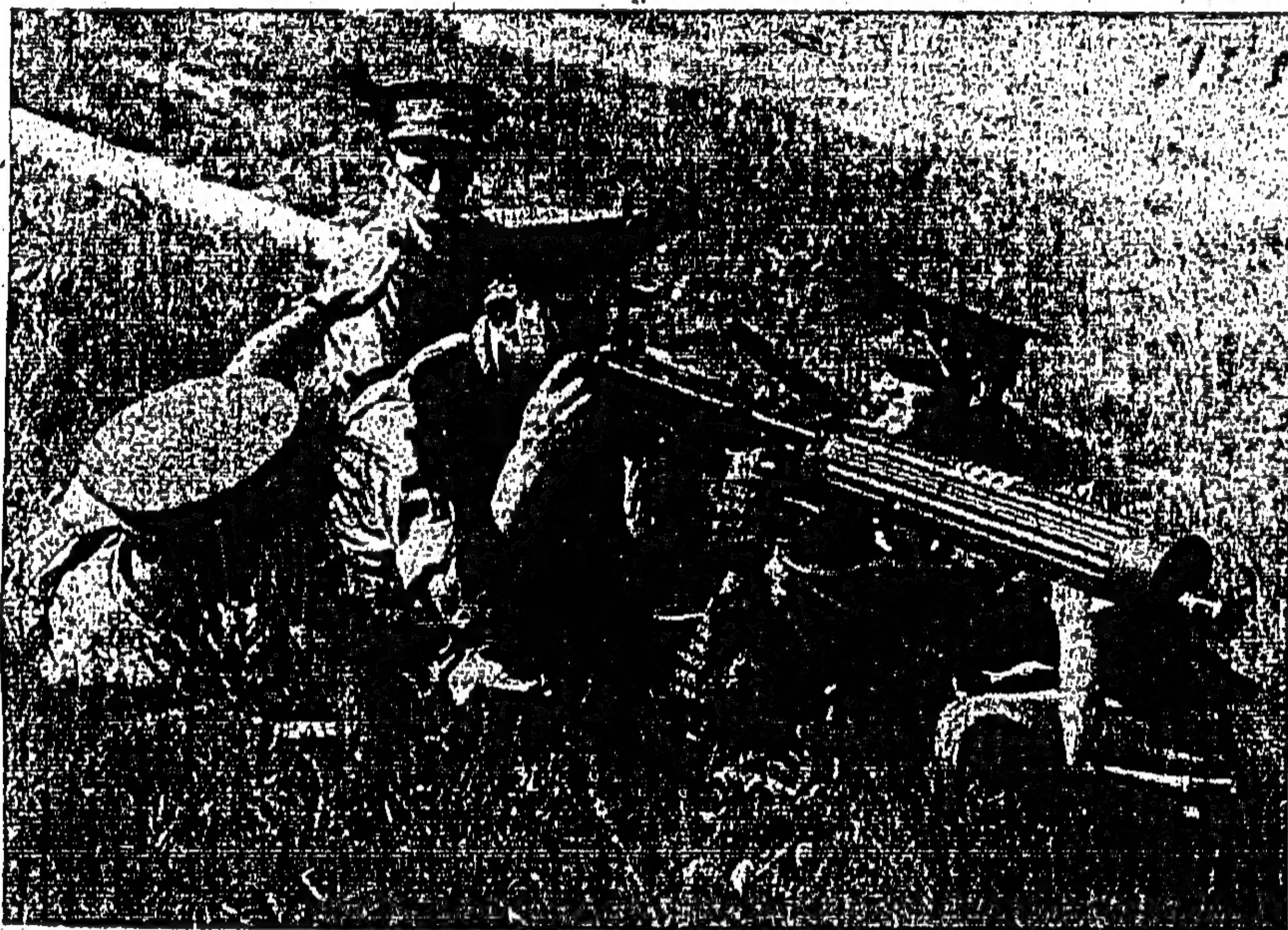
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TIN-HATTED MEMBERS of the Corps Signals, H.K.V.D.C., photographed at Volunteer Headquarters before proceeding to camp at Lowu. This unit, which is under the command of Lieut. N. Braudo, seated front row fourth from left.—*Mac Cheung.*



MACHINE-GUNNERS in action at Lowu Camp. The machine gun section of the H.K.V.D.C. has been brought to a high state of efficiency in the past two years and provides the most important arm of the Colony's volunteer defences.—*Ming Yuen.*



THE GOVERNOR at Lowu Camp, watching the Volunteers at work last week. With the Governor is Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, 2nd in Command of the H.K.V.D.C. (centre) and Captain Batty Smith, the A.D.C.—*Staff Photographer.*



THE "TELEGRAPH'S" Sporting Page leads to an animated discussion outside one of the tents at the Volunteer Camp at Lowu.—*Ming Yuen.*

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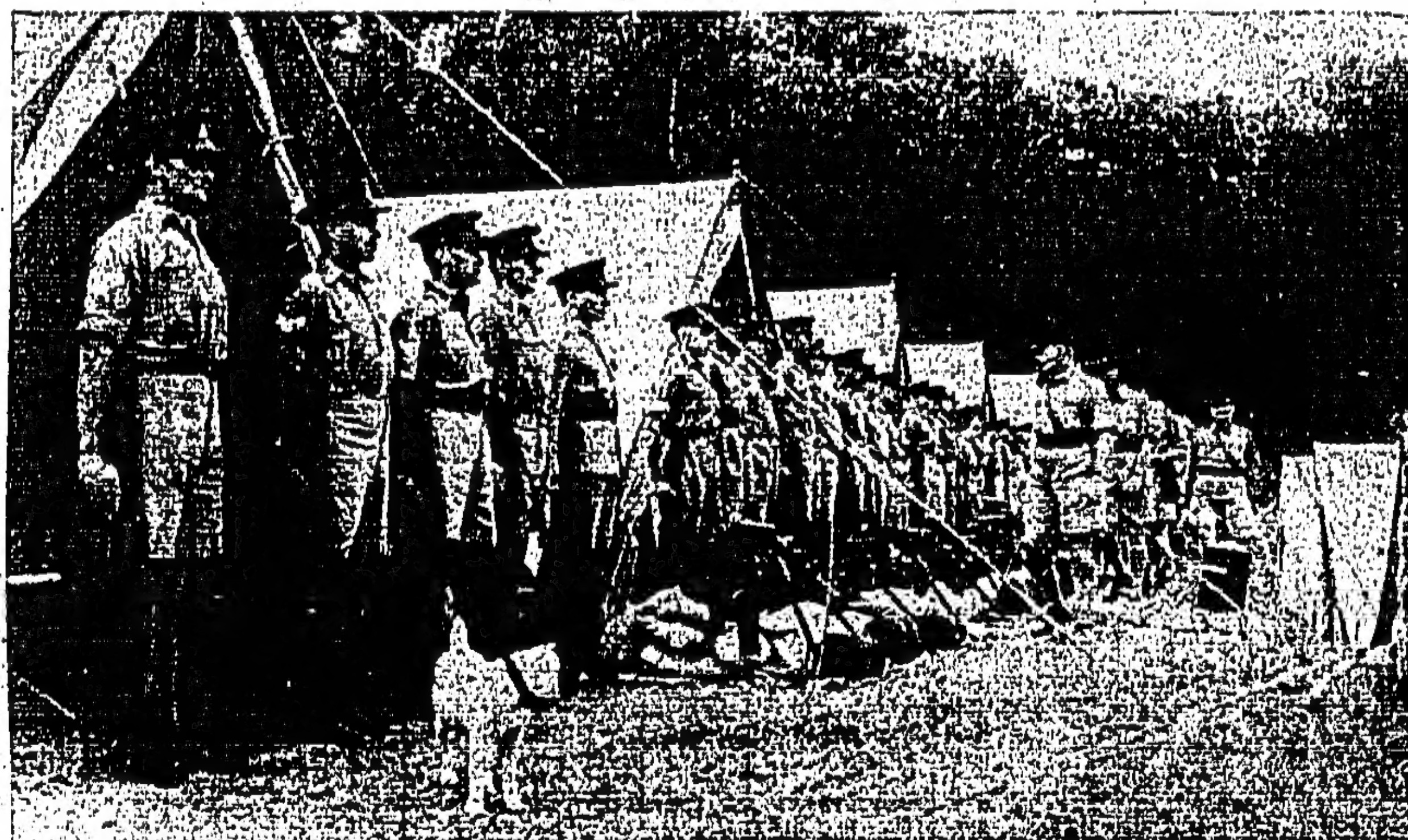


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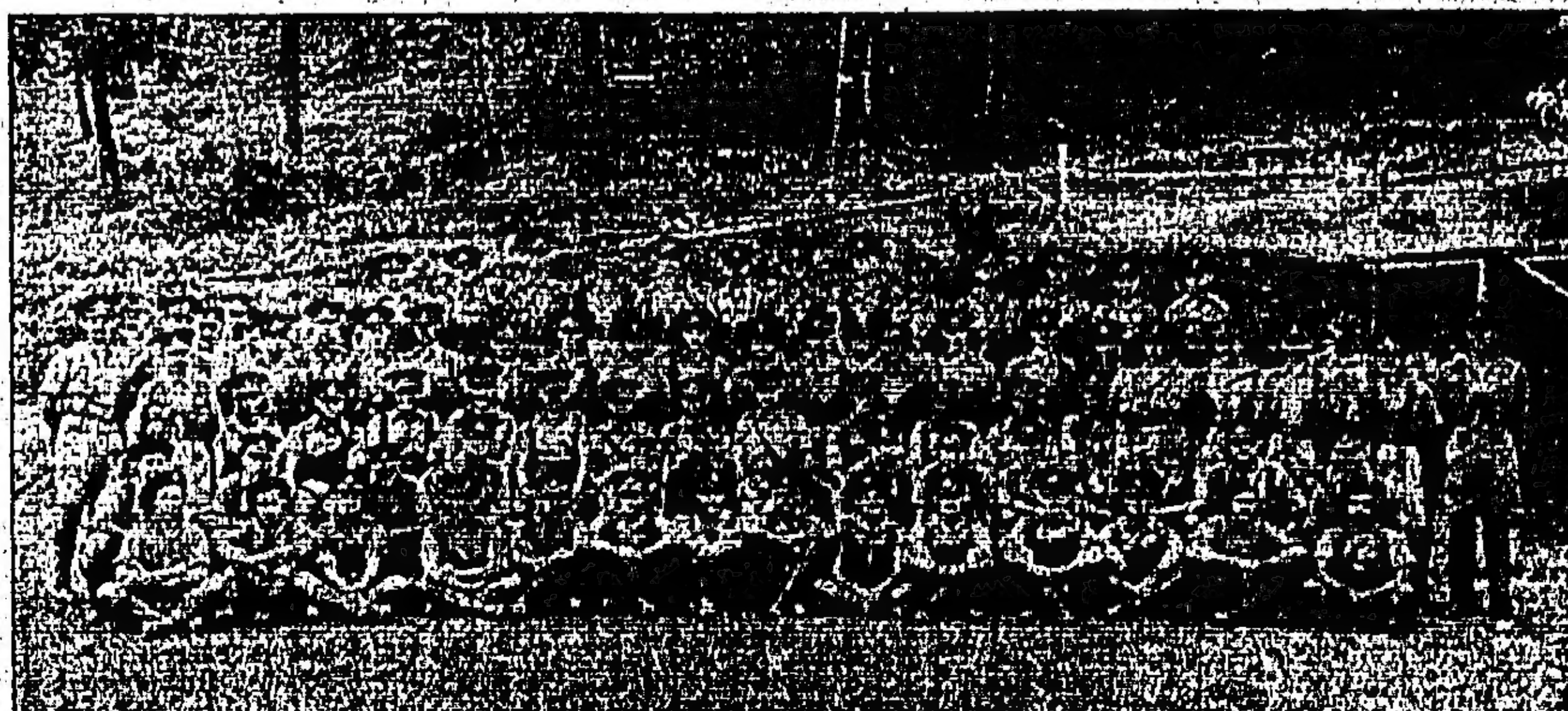
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INSPECTION—and the Volunteers stand to attention for the "brass hats." The camp mascot in foreground invariably led the inspections.—*Ming Yuen.*



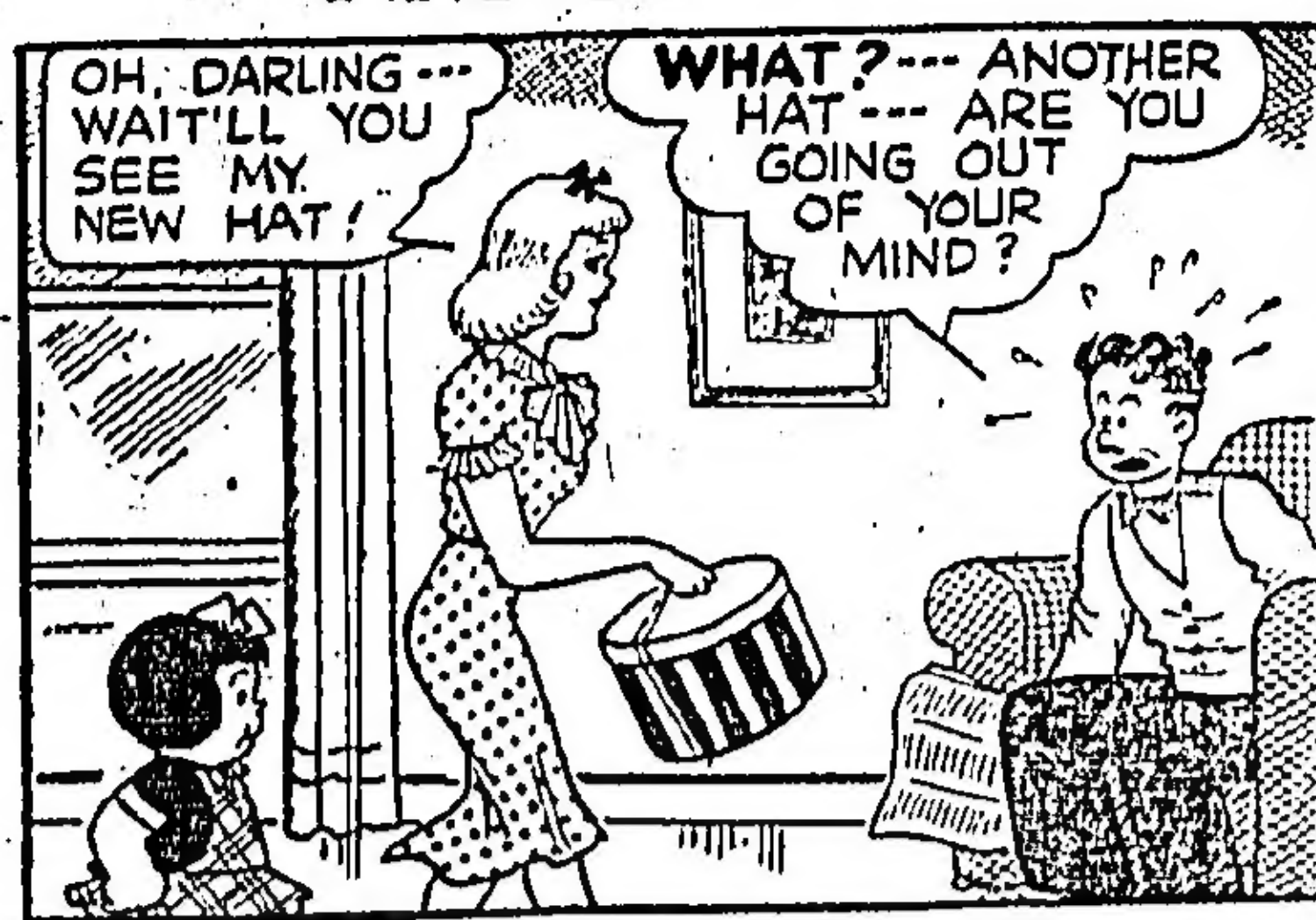
A SECTION OF THE VOLUNTEERS who proceeded to camp at Lowu last week. Other camps will be held within the next four weeks, each section spending seven days under canvas. These photographs are unique inasmuch as they are the first to be published since the outbreak of hostilities in Europe.—*Ming Yuen.*



SEARG gives the machine gun the "once over." It has repeatedly been stated in official circles that the machine gun section of the Hongkong Volunteers will form the backbone of the Colony's defences in the event of an emergency.—*Staff Photographer.*

IS THE WORLD'S MOST INFAMOUS DICTATOR DEAD?
See "The Magnificent Fraud" - Coming Soon

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



TSAR'S GOLD MISSING

Belgrade. TREASURES, said to have been valued originally at \$32,000,000, which were smuggled out of Tsarist Russia before the revolution, are missing from the vaults of Yugoslavia's Finance Ministry, where they were placed for safety.

Barely \$1,000,000 now remains.

This was revealed at a special court in Belgrade yesterday when two emigre Russians, Anton Gendzel and Leo Kuashinski, were sentenced for embezzling and disposing of part of the treasure worth \$2,000.

Six other people—five of them smartly dressed Russian women—were also accused, but they were acquitted.

Minor Figures Only

Gendzel, the embezzler, was sent to prison for four years. Kuashinski, his accomplice, for two years. But they are only minor figures in the greatest financial mystery of post-war years—a mystery that suggests wholesale embezzlement and thefts.

In the words of their defending lawyer: "This case is in danger of developing into a monster process, involving the international relations of Yugoslavia, beside which the minor misappropriations of Gendzel and Kuashinski are insignificant."

The trial was secret. Not a word was allowed to appear in the Press. But from a confidential document it is able to reconstruct the story of the treasure.

Chests of Gold

It consisted of gold and silver deposits from the former Russian National Bank, valuable collections of old coins from Moscow and Petrograd Museums, and private bank safe deposits.

Smuggled out of Russia in 1920 during the Kerensky regime, it was placed on the steamer Samara and landed at Kotor, Yugoslavia.

Thirty-two wagons were needed to carry the treasure in Belgrade. There were 25,000 boxes and packets, including 700 chests of silver, and 580 of gold and jewellery.

Some of the silver, worth £110,000, was brought to London and sold by the late General Wrangel.

Soviet Pleas

According to the document, the Soviet Government have already made representations to Yugoslavia for the return of this wealth, or such part of it as was originally the property of the State and municipal and public institutions in Russia.

The hushing-up of the trial of Gendzel and Kuashinski suggests that the Yugoslav Government now fear the relations with the Soviet may be badly strained.

The Queen To Make Bandages

The Queen, who has returned to Scotland, has organised a work party to make bandages and garments for the Central Hospital Supplies Service under the joint board of the British Red Cross Society, and the Order of St. John.

She will herself take an active part in the work, and will be assisted by members of the domestic staff of the royal household.

Runaway Girls Warned of Dangerous London

THREE runaway girls who had been found in London by police-women are to be "evacuated" to their own homes at Birmingham, Newcastle and Carlisle (Elro).

They were brought before the Caxton Hall juvenile court as being in need of care and protection.

To the Birmingham girl, who had been found in a distressed condition in Hyde Park, the chairman (Mr. A. E. Leckie, said: "London is no place for a girl, especially now. You know what the present state of affairs is. There is a possibility of London being an unpleasant and dangerous place. You had better go back to Birmingham."

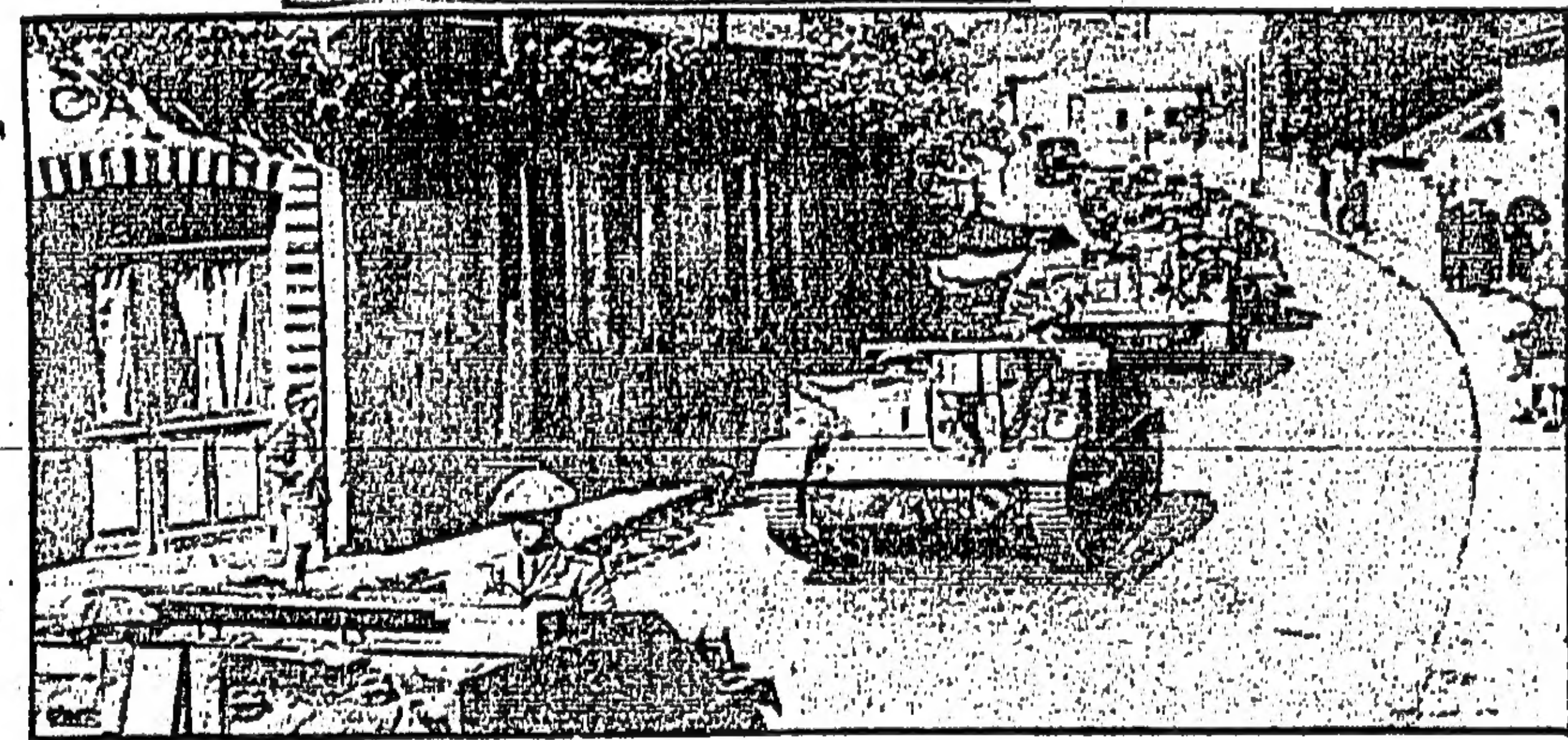
The girl promised not to return to London.

FROM NEWCASTLE FOR 24. 6d.

The Newcastle girl, aged 16, when found in the West End, said she left

HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT

Air Minister Sir Kingsley Wood took the Chancellor of the Exchequer to an R.A.F. station to show him how the money devoted to the Air Force is spent. They chatted (right) with the pilots, inspected aeroplanes and administrative quarters, and expressed satisfaction with the organisation.



British troops driving Bren gun carriers through a French village "behind the lines."

TOO BUSY TO BE ILL

The view is expressed by an official of the British Medical Association that people had been "too busy to be ill" since the war started. He was discussing the dwindling practices of many general practitioners.

"Apart from their panel work, which is continuing more or less as usual, because, generally speaking, the insured people are remaining in their ordinary jobs, the average general practitioner has not nearly as much work to do now as he has in normal times," said this official.

"His practice has been very badly hit, partly because of the evacuation of large numbers of his private patients, and partly because, owing to emergency conditions, people simply have not time to be ill to-day. Nor are they bothering to call the doctor in for the treatment of minor ailments as they would do in normal times."

Timing Their Visitors

BRUSSELS. BELGIANS are being discouraged by the Nazi authorities to visit friends or relatives in Germany.

Only people with special passes are allowed to cross, and these are being "clocked" in and out by the German frontier guard.

The reason for this tightening of the regulations is believed to be the growing discontent among the German population.

The Nazis fear that through contact with their Belgian friends people may get to know too much.

Letters have been received in Europe from Germans appealing to their friends to bring them butter, coffee and chocolate.

NAZI PLANE PUT THROUGH ITS PACES FOUND TOO SLOW

ALLIED air technicians now have complete proof of the inferiority of Germany's fighting planes.

Britain, Australia, France to Ignore League During War

GENEVA. BRITAIN, France and Australia, in separate notes to the League of Nations, said the special clause in the World Court statute which calls for compulsory arbitration in any conflict, which they signed with 35 other nations, no longer was valid so far as their war with Germany was concerned.

The British note said: "All present machinery to maintain peace has broken up. The conditions under which the British Government agreed to sign the optional article of the World Court's statute no longer exist."

The French and Australian notes were similar.

Test pilots have flown a captured Messerschmitt fighter, and their reports show that the plane is actually slower than many of Britain's bombing planes.

Yet the Messerschmitt—a squat little single-seat monoplane with square-cut wing tips—was one of Hitler's most vaunted weapons.

I revealed last week that captured German pilots referred to their planes as "flying bricks," and complained that they were difficult to manoeuvre in combat, says a London reporter.

A German fighter pilot landed his machine in France on one of the Allied aerodromes, under the impression that he was in Germany.

WINGS FLAP

In tests with the machine at certain speeds the short metal wings flap and quickly—an essential in air fighting.

The maximum safe speed for the machine is reported to be lower than 300 miles an hour, and at the speed the whole aircraft is vibrating dangerously and rattling.

Britain's warplanes are fitted with engines designed to use the most efficient fuel possible.

The engine of the Messerschmitt, however, is designed to work on a petrol little more potent than that used in a small-efficiency sports car.

SMALL LOSSES

According to German propaganda before the war, the Messerschmitt was going to keep the air over Germany clear of invaders.

British and French craft have now flown millions of miles over enemy territory on reconnaissance flights with ridiculously small losses.

The reports on the captured fighter seem to give the explanation.

German Parent Ships to Supply Raiders at Sea

By A NAVAL CORRESPONDENT

AN effective point made by the Prime Minister in his latest statement on the progress of the war was that, previous to the outbreak of war, the Germans had placed their U-boats and their supply ships in the best strategic positions, with the result that our shipping losses had been somewhat severe.

This is the first information to be published to suggest that enemy submarines operating in the Atlantic are being assisted by supply ships. It draws attention to the fact that no fewer than ten vessels figure in the list of the German Fleet as sub-

marine depot ships. One of these, the Valdemar Kophmehl, was launched at Kiel last May, and may not yet be in service; but all the others are believed to be in commission. Whether any of them are now at sea remains to be seen.

Apart from the question of the existence of parent vessels, it is certain that the U-boats cannot remain far away at sea indefinitely unless they can have re-course to bases of some kind. In this connection it may be significant that the Ministry of Information should have announced last week that "the enemy may attempt to establish submarine bases on the coasts of South and Central American countries."

IN THE LAST WAR

In 1914-15 there were at least three definite instances of this kind of disregard of neutrality by Germany. In September, 1914, the British cruiser Highflyer surprised and sank the German armed liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse while coaling in the Spanish waters of Rio de Oro, on the West African coast.

During the same month another enemy raider, the Cap Trafalgar, was similarly caught and destroyed by the armed Cunarder Carmania, off the Brazilian island of Trindade, in the South Atlantic.

After the battle of the Falklands the surviving German cruiser, the Dresden, repeatedly took advantage of Chilean neutrality, first by hiding in various remote inlets in the territory of Magallanes and later by lying at the island of Juan Fernandez, where she was found and her career ended by the cruisers Glasgow and Kent.

Returns To Be Interned

Voluntary Gesture By British Pilot

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—A British airman, accompanied by his wife, has voluntarily returned to Iceland to be interned for the duration of the war.

It will be recalled that he brought down his flying boat in Icelandic waters in September, and subsequently took off and returned to England under the impression that he had given no pledge to remain.

When he heard of the misunderstanding, he immediately volunteered to return.

He will be interned in a former palace which is now a modern farm.

Aviator Escapes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BRUSSELS, Nov. 19 (UP).—It is reliably reported that a French aviator who was interned somewhere in Belgium at the beginning of the war, when he made an erroneous landing, has succeeded in escaping to France.

Japan Baseball Champions To Visit Manila

TOKYO, Nov. 20 (Doimel).—Bringing the goodwill messages of the Foreign Minister, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, and Mayor Keisuke Tatematsu of Tokyo, 10 players of the Tokyo Giants, holders of the professional baseball championship in Japan, are shortly leaving Japan for the Philippines to participate in the Philippine sports carnival.

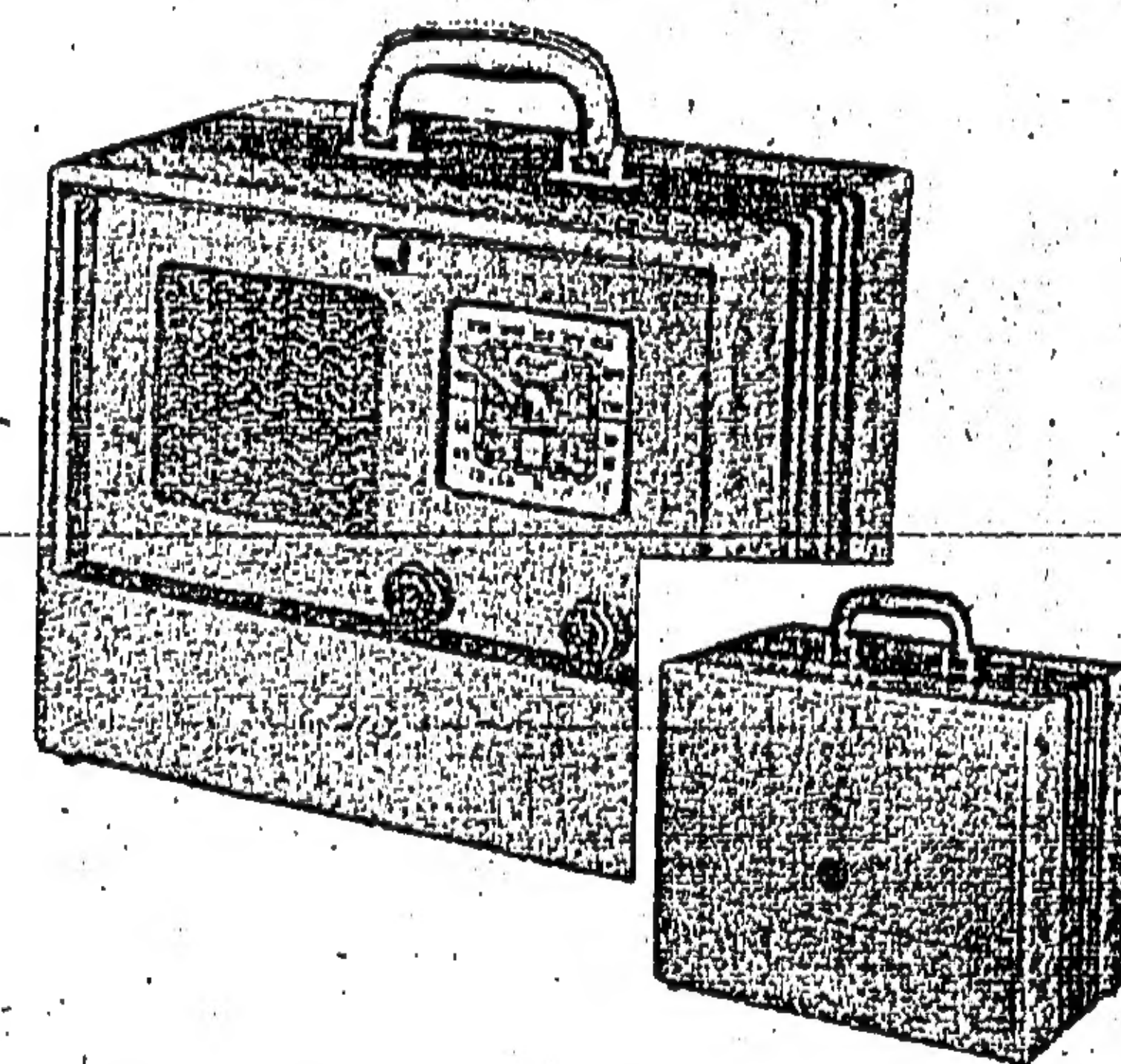


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Adolf's head gets bigger and bigger, and when he starts eating the mushroom he grows too big for his boots.

There is a tea party with the Mad Flatterer, at which State gardeners are busy painting white flowers red, "in order to please Russia."

The party attendants include the Queen of Heartlessness, Storm Troopers with clubs and spades, party leaders wearing their diamonds, also weeping Mockboobels. Then follows a trial in which Vontrabbit blows his own trumpet. The trial concerns Guineapig, who dared to voice the feelings of Blunderland's suppressed voices and mothers. The Queen orders: "Off with their swastikas!"

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Protection For Canterbury

CANTERBURY.—Danger of bombing raids has turned twelfth century Canterbury Cathedral into a busy workshop to protect the edifice in event of air raids.

A five-ton truck grunts methodically through the great west door, dumping loads of earth in front of the pulpit.

A two-foot gauge rail track mounted on rough wooden ties winds up the sanctuary steps, runs through the choir and terminates at the high altar.

Dynamite, humming busily where the Lectern normally stands, send a rail truck grinding through the church.

Labourers dump the earth, shovel it into sandbags, and send the truck back for more.

Carpenters toll at work benches that formerly were choir stalls.

Sand bags stand in place of the Bishop's throne.

Intruded Cathedral canons watch workmen root out prized, centuries-old ornaments, crate them in boxes and haul them to secret hiding places.

A mound of sand bags hides the tomb of Thomas a Becket, twelfth century Churchman.

What few services there are now are held in the dim crypt. The vaulted arches are backed up with double walls of wood filled with loose earth.

Pale blue lights give the only illumination for carpenters whose workshop is a bowshaped side chapel.

'Blackout' Fatalities

LONDON.—Police disclosed to-day that there were nearly five times as many fatalities in London traffic accidents during the first 10 days of the "blackout" as during the previous 10 days.

In the first 10 days of September, 38 persons were killed and 975 injured, compared with eight killed and 310 injured the last 10 days of August.

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LETTERS

Appeal Courts

To the Editor, "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—Will any one please explain the legal technicality re "Ching Kee S.N. Co." case. Everyone knows that Sir A. Macgregor is the Chief Justice of Hongkong, and is supposed to be the highest authority in Legal Litigation here.

But in the above case the decision of the Chief Justice was appealed to a Court composed of two Judges who are supposed to be junior in rank to the Chief Justice. How is that?

Why should the appellants go down to the Junior Judges for appeal instead of to the Privy Council in England which is the highest Court? Authority for Colonial or Empire litigation?

PUZZLED.

(The full Court of Appeal is the highest authority in litigation here, even though it may be composed of two Judges junior to the Chief Justice. There must be two or more Judges. Ordinarily, the Chief Justice would have been the presiding judge, but as the appeal in question was against his decision he could not possibly sit.)

Should there be an appeal against the decision of the Court, then the matter would be referred to the Privy Council.—Ed.).

Revenue of Thrift

Sir,—Your Saturday's Editorial on "the Revenue of Thrift" prompted me to spend my spare time last week-end to glance at the Hongkong Civil Service List for 1939.

I whole-heartedly agree with you that the "Civil Service" is overvalued with highly paid officers and starved of local men on dollar salaries.

The next thing that struck me was the conveyance allowances liberally granted to the already highly paid officers.

I noticed that 40 nursing sisters are allowed \$30 each per annum for conveyance allowances. The sisters' quarters are just a stone's throw from their respective hospitals and besides being provided with "free quarters, fuel and light" should they be provided further with some more of the taxpayers' money?

Why is it that the Medical Officer in charge of one of the three Government controlled hospitals is given \$360 per annum for conveyance allowance when he works only in that particular hospital? Why is it also that a Health Officer is allowed \$320 per annum for conveyance allowance when Government launches can take him to any part of the Harbour?

This leads me to ask on what basis are conveyance allowances granted? It is common knowledge that officers provided with conveyance allowances are also given free use of Government owned cars. With petrol at \$1.60 per gallon a tidy sum of the taxpayers' money must have been expended not including repairs, chauffeurs' wages, etc.

This prompts me to ask why Government officers should be provided with tax-free petrol. I suppose cars owned by Government servants are not considered luxuries.

I understand there are in the Medical Department doctors whose qualifications are not registrable in Hongkong nor in any part of the British Empire. I am at a loss why this should be so when people with similar qualifications are not allowed to practise here.

FACTS ARE FACTS.

Disappearing Trick Worked

Silk Store Companies Victimised

The well-known disappearing trick was worked successfully again, this time on Messrs. Wassiamull Assomull and Company, Queen's Road Central, on Saturday.

A man walked into the shop and ordered \$80 worth of silk to be delivered to No. 13 Salukim Road, shop delivery of the material from a shop assistant, and disappeared on the stairs.

HELSINGFORS, Nov. 19 (UP).—The American Ambassador to Russia, Mr. Laurence Steinhardt arrived from Moscow to-day en route to Stockholm.

Denied that his visit has any political significance.

3 MORE SHIPS ARE SUNK

Two Neutrals And One British

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Just before midnight news was received in London that three more ships had been sunk off the East Coast of the British Isles in circumstances similar to the Simon Bolivar outrage.

Two of them were neutral ships and one was British.

Italy's First Loss

The Italian steamer Gracia, of 5,800 tons, was Italy's first shipping loss of the war.

Another victim was the Swedish freighter, Borgholm, of 1,500 tons, while the British craft was 2,500 tons.

Full details of the sinkings are not yet known, and there is no information yet regarding the loss of life.

Simon Bolivar Casualties

In the meantime it is revealed that only 100 persons are now thought to have lost their lives in the Simon Bolivar disaster, about 40 less than originally feared.

It is, however, revealed that no fewer than 44 of the missing passengers are British.

The victims in hospital in London were visited by the Netherlands Minister to-day.

Lith Steamer Sunk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ZEEBRUGGE, Nov. 19 (UP).—The Lithuanian steamer Taunas (1,530 tons) which was en route to England in ballast, was sunk to-day 80 miles off the Belgian coast, believed by a mine.

A fishing boat rescued sixteen of the crew. Three were drowned.

Explosion On Tanker

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (UP).—An explosion on board the Standard Oil tanker J. A. Mowinkel, under Panama registry, shattered a plate glass window and injured a woman on Station Island, one mile away. But none of the crew were injured.

The explosion was due to the accidental ignition of fumes while the tanks were being cleaned. The deck on the port side of the vessel was ripped out.

Government agents are investigating, but sabotage is denied.

Five Men Killed

LONDON, Nov. 20 (Reuter).—Five men were killed in the explosion which sank the Italian steamer Gracia.

The vessel sank in a few minutes. Two trawlers rescued about 29 survivors.

Quiet Day At The Front

PARIS, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day states that it was a quiet day at the front.

There was local artillery action, however.

Operations Resumed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" PARIS, Nov. 19 (UP).—The enemy's land operations were resumed to-day, reports from the Western Front state.

On the Saar front French machine-guns drove back German patrols in the East Moselle and Pied sectors. In the Blies region a French patrol repulsed a German attack. Six dead Germans were abandoned.

French headquarters report that the Rhine rose 60 centimetres on Saturday.

This compelled the French as well as the Germans to evacuate several inundated casemates on the river's banks.

Both day and night communications reports "Quiet with local artillery action."

CZECH, POLISH LEADERS MEET

LONDON, Nov. 19 (Reuter).—Dr. Edouard Benes, the former Czech Premier, and General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, had a long interview at the Polish Embassy to-day.

General Sikorski afterwards said that there was common decision to repair the damage done to their countries.

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TAKE ANY TRAM or HAPPY VALLEY BUS

DAILY AT 2.30-5.15-7.20-9.30 P.M.

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